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CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

Appropriate Exercises, Musical and Literary, In all the Churches.

Christmas is to be merrily observed by all the churches in town. The various Sunday Schools are to have a big Christmas tree on the eve before Christmas, when Santa Claus will see that every good little boy and girl that goes to Sunday school gets a present on the tree and perhaps there will be something too for grown up folks.

The Xmas Tree Festival of the Church of the Holy Trinity will be held on Monday night at 7:30 in the vacant Coleman store on Citrus avenue, north of the hotel. A program will be rendered and the distribution of gifts from the tree by a real live Santa Claus.

On Monday evening the children of the Methodist Sunday School will hold their Xmas tree and exercises in the church on College street. The children have arranged an excellent program of songs and recitations.

A genuine Santa Claus will be at the Xmas tree in the Baptist church on Monday evening laden with all the pretty gifts for the good children attending the Sunday School. A program will be rendered during the evening.

[illegible] Sunday School to which the parents and friends are invited. A program will be rendered.

The Presbyterian Sunday School will render an interesting program closing with distribution of gifts from the old time Xmas tree on Monday evening. A special message from Santa Claus announces that he will be present and will bring Mrs. Santa Claus with him. All are cordially invited to join with them.

Eastern Star Install.

The ladies of the Eastern Star entertained the Masons and their friends last Tuesday with a delightful social evening. The first part of the evening was devoted to an excellent musical program, consisting of a piano solo by Miss Meta Brunjes, a recitation by Mr. Crawford, which was amusing and very much enjoyed, and a vocal duet by Mrs. Harris and Miss Gertrude Hulce. After the program the following officers were installed by the installing officer, being the Worthy Grand Matron of the State, Mrs. Anna Dreber Dudderar: Patron, Mr. Dudderar; worthy matron, Mrs. Clara Menefee; associate matron, Mrs. Cecelia Coolman; conductress, Mrs. Ava Griswold: associate conductress, Miss Pearl Hulce; secretary, Miss Nellie Chase; treasurer, Mrs. Hulce; Star Points: Ada Miss Phoebe Brown; Ruth, Miss Edna Coltrin; Esther, Mrs. Scofield; Martha, Mrs. Weeks; Electria, Mrs. Coltrin, chaplain, Mrs. Crawford; marshal, Mrs. Harris; organist, Miss Meta Brunjes; warden, Mrs. White; sentinel, Mr. Menefee.

After the installation refreshments were served by the ladies of the lodge and the remainder of the evening was devoted to a good social time.

Christmas Dinner.

Parties desiring dinner at Hotel Vendome on Christmas day are requested to inform the management not later than Monday next. Special chicken dinner will be served at 50 cents a plate. The public are requested by the management to remember that the dining room closes promptly every day at 1:30 p.m.

Mrs. Merton Griswold, wife of the cashier of the First National Bank, is now fully recovered from an attack of ptomaine poison. The attack was due to eating a tamale at a social function given by Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Atwood. None of the other guests were affected.

Miss Yaw Makes "Hit" in Boston.

Boston, Dec. 18—Miss Ellen Beach Yaw, the "California nightingale," scored a big success here last night and today in her opening concert with the Royal Welsh choir of the Boston Lyceum course. The soprano received a quality of commendation seldom given in popular entertainment and was compelled to respond to more than a quantity of encores.

Her range is wonderful, and all that has been claimed for it, while she displayed masterly technique and voice control.—Los Angeles Times.

New Enterprise.

Covina is to have a want filled that has long been felt among local contractors, a planing mill and jobbery. J. C. Nale of Los Angeles, a thoroughly experienced man, has leased for that purpose the large work shop at the rear of the Corbett blacksmith shop on W. Badillo street. He will install a complete outfit of new machinery, including planer and lathe, and will be prepared to do all kinds of general mill and cabinet work, etc. He expects to be in operation by Jan. 1. Mr. Nale is a thoroughly competent man and will make Covina a splendid citizen.

Church News

Services in the Church of the Holy Trinity on Christmas Day: Holy communion, 7:30 a.m. High Celebration and sermon 10 a.m. Special hymns and anthems by the choir suitable to the Festival.

At the Methodist church the pastor Rev. H. W. White will preach both morning and evening. In the morning there will be a Christmas sermon. In the evening the topic is, "Why I am a Methodist?" Sunday School at 9:45. Epworth League at 6:30. Everyone invited.

Worship at the Baptist church: Bible School at 9:45 a.m. Preaching at 11 a.m. by Rev. M. H. Perry. The ordinance of baptism administered after the morning service. B.Y.P.M. at 6:45 p.m. Preaching at 7:30 p.m. by the pastor. Theme, "Christ's Message Amidst Discouragements."

Services in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Fourth Sunday in Advent. Holy Communion, 7:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning prayer 11 o'clock. Subject, "The Vine and It Branches." Evensong 7:30 p.m., subject, 'Introductory to Study of the Bible. Offertory anthem by the choir.

Christian church: W. G. Conley, pastor. Sunday school 9:45. Morning service 11 o'clock. Subject of sermon, 'Falling Away From Christ.' Junior Endeavor 3 o'clock and Senior Endeavor 6:30. Evening service 7:30. Subject of sermon, "What Shall I Do With Jesus?" The ordinance of baptism will be administered. All are cordially invited as the day will be of more than ordinary interest.

Presbyterian services: Sunday, Dec. 3. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Preaching 11 a. m. Subject, "The Worlds Great Need of a Savior." Y. P.S.C.E. 6:30 p.m. Gospel services 7:30 p.m. Subject, "The Worlds Great Need Supplied—the Savior Born." Any wishing to unite with the church may do so either by letter or on confession of their faith in Christ. All strangers and friends are cordially invited to these services.

The Y P.S.C.E. of the Presbyterian church met at the home of S. J. Walton Monday evening and elected the following officers and committees for the next six months: S. J. Walton, Pres.; Mrs. James Crouch, Vice-Pres.; O. E. Blanchard, Sec.; F. J. Observer, Treas. A full list of the committees will be published next week.

ORANGES ARE RIPENING FAST

Shipments General With Good Demand and Fair Prices.

Manager King of the Covina Fruit Exchange, when seen in reference to the orange market, said that general conditions are favorable for satisfactory prices throughout the season.

Locally the shipments are now on in earnest. The Covina Orange Growers Association started packing on Thursday and will continue throughout the season. They will move five cars this week. The Covina High Land Citrus Union started picking Wednesday and are ready for packing today.

The Florida crop is being moved rapidly at the rate of 150 cars a day and it is estimated that 75 per cent has already been moved of the total crop. The first estimates of the season largely overestimated the crop.

The California crop is estimated at 22,000 cars, 1500 less than last year. However the shipments up to the present time are 1500 cars short of last year so from this time forth the Eastern market will have to take the same quantity as last year.

Harness Shop Sold.

J. H. Frey sold his harness shop on Monday to Chauncey Hankins and son, [illegible] of Los Angeles.

In a circular soliciting the patronage of the citizens of Covina these gentlemen say: "We solicit your patronage, and we are confident that if you place your trade with us you will not be disappointed, as it is our aim to satisfy our customers. Owning property in Covina, we shall do everything possible to assist in upbuilding this wonderful city."

They will handle a full line of harness, saddlery, carriages, farming implements, etc. The new firm will be known as the Covina Harness and Saddlery Co.

Mr. Frey has sold out to engage in farming, having extensive horticultural and agricultural interests near Artesia.

Palace of Sweets.

The Palace of Sweets is becoming more popular every day, and now that the ladies are busy shopping it is a treat to have a cosy place to stop and rest for a few minutes, and at the same time enjoy all the good things that the "Palace" offers them. The store has been most artistically decorated in all the brightness and beauty that the season of Christmas tide suggests. There is a Christmas tree in one of the big windows that is attracting every little child that passes and not a few of the grown up people, who are sure to stop and take just a look within, where the freshly made candies allures the purchaser. Messrs. Evans and Roth make a specialty of serving dainty lunches and suppers, a fad which is becoming so popular here. An invitation is extended to the public to attend their opening on Monday.

Postoffice Hours.

For the convenience of the public the postoffice will be opened tomorrow, Sunday, from 7 a.m. to 11 a. m. and 2 p. m. to 7 p. m. Christmas Day—7 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. to 7:30p.m.
J. L. MATTHEWS, Postmaster.

Heavy Realty Deal.

Col. F. M. Chapman of this place, who is counted among Los Angeles' heaviest real estate operators, purchased this week through the agency of Andrew McAllen, also of Covina, 160 acres on the Redondo electric railroad, close to Lawndale. Price $10,000. Col. Chapman will subdivide the property.

We Have Everything You Need For Your Christmas Dinner.

Our stocks are complete in all lines.

Apples, Nuts, Canned Fruits and Vegetables just received.

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How wud yu lik tu be the tiperiter gurl?

No, gentle reader, the present Duke of Marlborough is not the original Blenheim pup.

The men who have organized a rhinoceros trust will at least never be accused of being thin-skinned.

"Are there men as brave to-day as were the Spartans?" asks an essayist. Certainly; there are baseball umpires.

When a married man has occasion to talk in his sleep he always says things that his wife is unable to understand.

Thomas W. Lawson is going to write a novel. It is the only way in which he can bring about the adequate punishment of the villain.

The men who claim to be able to fly when they want to should not overlook a solution of the problem of how to light when they want to.

The English language has endured for a good many years, and, despite the efforts of reformers, may be expected to be good for a spell longer.

No doubt, when he has time to think of it, President Roosevelt will order the names of the naval vessels, navy yards and forts to be simplifiedly spelled.

A Wilkesbarre (Pa.) cat that died the other day had a half interest in a fortune of $40,000. The heirs will have to wait, however, until it dies eight times more.

An antiquary has just discovered that William Cullen Bryant once wrote a poem extolling the mosquito as "that fair insect." Evidently, William never wore peekaboo vests.

Mr. Rockefeller has been assured by a theosophist that he will wear a crown. But Mr. Rockefeller is not credulous enough to stand before a mirror trying to imagine how he would look in a crown.

When a man goes to the penitentiary to serve out an "indeterminate" sentence on sixteen charges of burglary and is released at the end of a year, is it any wonder he resumes the practice of his profession?

Two divers descended to a depth of two hundred and ten feet in a Scotch lake the other day. This is said to be the greatest depth in which diver have descended in the British Isles. It is farther than most people would care to go beneath the surface of the water.

It is Spanish gossip that when Princess, afterward Queen, Victoria complained to her uncle, King Edward, that some ladies of the court in Madrid objected because she proposed to entertain English friends who were not of the royal family, her uncle advised her to "be a sensible girl," and said, "Do not make enemies. Respect people's stupidities when necessary. In time, if you are wise, you will have everything your own way." Whether the King ever said this or not, it is pretty good advice for every one.

The man with the figures tells us that in fifty years this country will have 200,000,000 population, and he wants to know what will happen. As we will not be here we are determined not to worry about it. Our ancestors not only killed but ate each other. Possibly in the remote future the old custom will become fashionable. We recall that in early life we met up with one or two people we thought plenty sweet enough to eat. The fact that this hereditary appetite now lies dormant is no sign that it will not break out again at some future time and become quite popular.

If any man wishes to immortalize himself let him invent some way to punish wife desertion. This crime has increased in Chicago 100 per cent in three years and Cook County, Illinois, is now supporting 1,000 deserted families. To bring the faithless husbands back, prosecute and punish them would cost just as much as it does to support their families, and it is impossible to prove desertion after they are brought back. They all pretend to have gone off to get employment and to have been unfortunate, and to rebut their stories would cost another pile of money. What is needed is some genius who will invent some cheap way to punish cheap husbands.

In reply to the oft-repeated assertion that no girl should begin teaching unless she is to make it a lifelong profession it is sufficient to say that no young woman, however fancy free she may be, is able to say with certainty that she will continue so. However great may be her devotion to the general cause of learning at a given time, before the moon waxes again that broad affection may be particularized and focused upon one weak and unworthy member of the human tribe, and this is a phenomenon against which no human power has yet been found to avail. The best school teacher is the girl who has most of the domestic instinct and is most likely to leave the pedagogic calling and find her natural and proper place as the arbiter of her own home. It is pleasant to find theory agreeing with good sense, and the test of good sense is its agreement with the fixed and universal laws of mother nature. The idea that the woman school teacher is an emotionless species of humanity is just about as senseless as it is ungallant.

There are many indications that the common notion of the farmer must be entirely abandoned. The long whiskered individual who says "by heck," has hayseed in his hair, is interested in gold bricks, and is ready to consider favorable propositions for the transfer of title in the Masonic Temple in Chicago, is a passing type. The last few years have revolutionized life on the farm. No one can estimate how much has been accomplished by the rural free delivery system in changing the situation, but it is the common thing now for the farmer to receive his daily paper and to spend the evening looking over the news as brought to him by the metropolitan sheet from the city perhaps half a thousand miles away. The almanac which once hung in the kitchen, supplementing the Bible and completing the home library, now has to share with the standard magazines, the daily and weekly papers, and the books received from the traveling libraries sent out in several States. The better information makes the farmer less a stranger to the activities of the day. The trolley car possibly passes close by his house. The telephone connects him with his neighbor and with the stores of the village to which he used to resort for news and for supplies. The improved machinery has steadily reduced the toilsomeness of his task. All these forces combined have worked toward his transformation. The farmer of yesterday is not the farmer of to-day. There has always been recognition of the importance of the farming class in the prosperity of the country. The abundant crops and contentment of the rural class have been associated with the health and happiness of the nation. But there has always been, too, a tendency to depreciate the farmer as an individual, and to make him the butt of ridicule. This condition has greatly changed because of the reasons already indicated. When farmers meet in national congress and discuss such live questions as those of postal savings banks, the election of postmasters, the adoption of the parcels post system, the relief of farm labor scarcity by immigration, centralization of schools, centralization of farms, business methods in farming, it is evident that they are alert. Their minds have been prepared for such discussions by wide reading and intelligent thought, and they are ready to reach conclusions of value. The city man reads his daily paper hastily. He learns to form judgments quickly. He trains himself to reach decisions sometimes without that careful reading and thoughtful study which the man of leisure gives to a subject. It is by no means certain, however, that his judgments and decisions necessarily are better than those of the farmer, who reads with more deliberation and thinks more slowly because his life is less affected by the noise and rush. The modern farmer is worth appreciation. He is anything but the being of caricature.

CONSUMPTION OF LIQUOR.

Norway Is the Least Intemperate of All the Nations.

Americans are only moderate drinkers compared with those of other countries. The average citizen of the United States, counting in the women and children (which is not fair, but serves for the moment as a basis to figure upon), consumes in the course of a year liquors which contain one and a third gallons of pure alcohol. But the Frenchman, who, though formerly one of the soberest, has become the worst drunkard in the world, absorbs annually three and a half gallons of alcohol. The Belgian and the Swiss come next, with a consumption of two and four-fifths gallons. Then follow the Spaniard with two and a third gallons, the Italian with just a trifle less, the Englishman and German with two and a tenth, and the Austro-Hungarian with about one and three-quarters gallons.

On the other hand, the American citizen by no means stands at the top of the list in respect to sobriety. The Swede drinks only one and a sixth gallons of pure alcohol in a year; the Hollander drops considerably below him, with one gallon even; the relatively virtuous Russian, notwithstanding his much advertised addiction to vodka, absorbs only a trifle more than six-tenths of a gallon, and, finally, the Norwegian, who occupies a proud eminence as the most abstemious man in the world, barely exceeds a modest half gallon of the stuff in a twelvemonth's potations. It might be added for the sake of definiteness that the average person in the United States annually drinks one and a third gallons of proof spirits (which are 50 per cent alcohol), one-third of a gallon of wine and sixteen and a quarter gallons of malt liquors, chiefly beer.—Pearson's Magazine.

Just Too Lovely.

Kidder—The best illustrated paper I've seen in a long while was handed me to-day.

Jenks—What was it?

Kidder—A $50 note.—Philadelphia Ledger.

When a girl is called to the telephone she answers as if expecting an invitation, but when the mother is called she wonders in taking down the receiver what company is coming now.

When a man has the hot foot it is mighty easy for him to find an excuse to move.

TO THE SUNSHINE.

I been so long a-waitin' on de time en on de tide,
I better ketch de freight train ter reach de yuther side;
Fer der time'll never heed me, en de river mighty wide,
En I got ter meet de sunshine in de mawnin'!

I ben so long a-waitin' fer de good times up de road,
I better start en meet 'em—so I liftin' up my load;
En I'll reach de Lan' er Promise des de bes' you ever knowed
I got ter meet de sunshine in de mawnin'!

Oh, dey ain't no use ter tarry in de shadder-lan' ter wait,
Fer de harricane 'll ketch you, en de night is gittin' late;
I wants ter hear de latch clink on de hallelula gate—
I wants ter meet de sunshine in de mawnin'!

—Frank L. Stanton.

The Inheritance of His Fathers.

TWO boys they were—one lowly and poor, one aristocratic and rich!

And they were both the only children of their parents.

Likewise they would each in time come into the inheritance of their fathers.

The vicar, old and gray-haired, preached a sermon one day upon this self-same subject—the inheritance of their fathers—and tried to impress his congregation with the seriousness and importance of such a succession. He pictured to them the rich inheritance of an earthly father, who had laid by, and saved up, that his son might one day come into the possession of an inheritance worthy of his name and sire; he drew the other picture—that of a man, a wine-bibber and a glutton, spending his days in the pursuit of evil, and laying up for his children and his children's children an inheritance of sin and sorrow and suffering!

The words fell on the ready ears of a farmer, who was none too well off, and had some difficulty in making both ends meet. He silently registered a vow that the chubby-faced boy lying in his cradle in the tiled farmhouse kitchen should never have occasion to blush for the inheritance of his fathers.

The opposite side of the aisle, in his family pew, the squire of the parish sat quietly dozing through the old clergyman's discourse. What good could it possibly do to keep him awake while the vicar lectured on morals to the tenants and poorer brethren? They had need of such sermons, perhaps;

ONE POOR AND ONE RICH.

but he, with his broad acres, his well-filled purse, and his unsullied name, he had no need of advice from any one.

In a satin-trimmed cot, in a nursery fit for a lord, lay his delicate baby son. What a fair heritage would one day be his! He could not help himself, the little fellow; his father had money and lands to leave him, which had no equal anywhere else in the country.

The inheritance of his fathers! Of course Gilbert would inherit every stick and stone, every farthing.

The responsibility of his wealth never troubled the squire. He subscribed to the various parochial charities with many a grumble; he paid the old vicar something over his stipend every Christmas, to save the souls of every one but himself! Did he not nobly fulfill his responsibilities?

So the sermon that hot May morning fell on his unheeding ears, and he wished young Farmer Blatherley a condescending "good-day" as he almost rubbed shoulders with him on his way to his carriage, all unconscious of the fact that the inheritance of the poor man's son was likely to be a much richer one than that of his own son!

John Blatherley picked up his laughing young son when he reached the spotlessly clean kitchen, glad to get out of the glare of the noonday sun. And he pressed his lips to the soft cheek and renewed the vow he had made a little earlier in the day.

Meanwhile Gilbert Dayle drove back to his ancestral home in his luxuriously appointed carriage, with its pair of prancing bays.

His small son, an infant edition of himself, was playing with its nurse on the soft green grass near the study window, a soft, thin, white-cheeked boy of two.

What had been the inheritance of his fathers, so far? It was written on the baby face in indelible lines!

"Take Master Gilbert away, nurse," he commanded in harsh tones. "I shall be very busy this afternoon, and shall not have time to see him at all, to-day. Keep him in the nursery, please!"

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Left to the care of his nurses while his father spent his time in riotous living, gambling and drinking with his friends, falsely so called, the squire's only son grew to boyhood, a puny, delicate thing, crippled from a fall sustained while out with his nurse, but which the woman managed to conceal from the father, until time had revealed it to him, and at fourteen, in consequence, barely able to walk without the aid of a crutch.

The inheritance of his fathers!

Farmer Blatherley often remembered the words as he looked on the invalid son of his richer neighbor and landlord, and compared him with his own motherless, strong, healthy, handsome lad. Jack Blatherley was all that the fondest parent could desire—happy, healthy, honest and open as the day; laughter-loving, painstaking, a typical specimen of young England at its best. He had a mind for book-learning, which had been his father's before him, and knew almost as much, from private lessons taken with the old vicar as Gilbert Dayle himself up at the great big house on the hilltop, where the best of tutors tried to impart wisdom and the love of books to the crippled lad!

Curiously enough, the two boys, so different in station, character and health, were the greatest of friends. The squire, playing cards, and drinking heavily day in and day out, hardly knew it, or if he did, he took no notice; and the friendship between the two lads was cemented and added to daily, as the strong, healthy, young embryo farmer helped the delicate scion of blue-blooded aristocracy over the heather-clad moors, where the golden gorge waved its yellow blooms seaward and scented the soft air with its strong perfume.

Both the boys were fond of the sea; in storm or in calm they loved to gaze at its ever-changing surface, rippling in the sunshine or foaming under a leaden sky.

One hot afternoon in June the two boys climbed the stern ascent which led to their favorite seat on the heather overlooking the bright blue bay. Gilbert, half-carried by his strong young friend, expostulating to no purpose. It was holiday time for them, the tutors had gone away; Gilbert was thrown on his own beam-ends, his father having no use and no desire for the company of his crippled son.

"It's funny," Jack cried, as he flung himself face downwards on the soft purple heather. 'You can do as you like—you are rich, Gilbert, but I—father says I must be a farmer—and I want to write, to be an author!"

Gilbert opened his large, sad eyes. "Be an author and write books?" he echoed in an awe-struck voice; "how clever you are, Jack!"

"It's no good to be," returned the lad a little bitterly. "The dad's made up his mind that I must carry on the farm—we have no money to waste, you see, and so it's no use for me to think of being anything else!"

The two boys were silent for a moment; from a distant cliff a seagull flew out, with its melancholy cry.

"Could I—give you the money, do you think?" asked the cripple at last. "I have some saved saved up in my money box, and I shall never be good for anything, you know. Let me give you enough to help you - write books——"

"But then there'd be the farm!" Jack's straight brows were puckered.

"Couldn't your father get some one else to help him?" Gilbert's face brightened as the idea came to him.

Jack shook his bright head.

"Dad says it is the—inheritance of my fathers—that, and my health and strength—oh——"

He bit his lips suddenly, as he realized that he was speaking to one with a very different inheritance.

"It's no use, it'll come in time—the liking for the life, I suppose," he went on philosophically. "Hulloa! The squire——"

He broke off hurriedly, for across the glorious heather, in God's glorious sunshine, came a creature that was fit for neither man nor beast—Squire Dayle, his eyes dazed, his lips twitching nervously, his gait faulty—drunk at twelve in the morning!

He came uncertainly towards the two boys—Gilbert, his face, white with fear; young Jack Blatherley, upright as a rock, with his open countenance turned fearlessly toward him, and his broad shoulders squared towards the sea.

"Hulloa!" muttered the man with an oath, looking at his son. "What! Are you frightened of your own father? What have I done that I should call such a coward—son? Stand up, stand up, and don't look scared into the middle of next week. Do you hear?"

In a moment it had happened. The father, infuriated at the sight of his cowering son—intoxicated with drink, beyond the controlling of his passions—hit out with all his might, and Jack was conscious that some dark object whizzed past him over the edge of the cliff!

The next minute he had recovered himself. With a cry, he, too, slipped over the edge, in time to catch the falling boy as he landed on a small tuft of grass.

Jack held on with all his might—his hands were strong and big for his age; his boyish lips were set in a determined line as he shouted for help at the top of his might, half expecting every minute to see the drunken man tumbling over cliff on top of them. But no; no one came in answer to his cries, and for an hour, in the burning sun, he held the other boy up, a dead weight in his arms. But the slender gorse bush was unequal to the strain put upon it; the weight of the two boys was more than it could bear. Jack realized this; his companion was much too frightened to think of anything except tears!

He looked at the beach below—the cruel shingles—the awful drop before they could be reached. Could one drop fifty feet and reach the ground in safety? He knew that it was impossible.

And yet—the gorse bush could hold one boy's weight. Gilbert was nothing; and there was a little ledge for him to rest on, sufficient for one, but not for two.

He must drop—the bush was giving every minute—Gilbert would be safe.

He raised his bright eyes to the pitiless skies, and then lowered them; in the distance, very far off, he saw men running.

"Help! Help!"

With one mighty effort he raised his voice and shouted, and then as the memory of his dad's words, "the inheritance of his fathers," came over him, his eyes filled with tears. He would not inherit—but another would! The dad would get some one else; his duty lay—elsewhere.

"Good-by, Gilbert," he said, quietly. "You stay here on this little ledge; keep hold of this bush, and never turn your eyes back. They are coming to save us—they are quite close now; whatever you do, hang on and never forget me——"

Gilbert was too frightened to take in the meaning of Jack's farewell; he only heard the tones die away in the distance.

And Jack, breathing the one great prayer which, whether they will or no, rises to the lips of most men and women at some time of their life, "Our Father which art in heaven," loosed his hold of the fragile branch, and slipped—away—down—down—into utter darkness.

Ten minutes later strong hands pulled Gilbert up on to the heather above. Farmer Blatherley sought the edge of the cliff with anxious eyes.

"Jack!" he called, and only the seagulls answered. "Jack!" they echoed with mournful insistence.

Leaving Gilbert in the care of other hands, the young farmer made for a gully near at hand, down which he ran to the beach.

He had not far to seek. A merciful hawthorn had broken his lad's fall; and he lay, white and still in its thorny embrace, his bright eyes turned to the turquoise sky.

Jack Blatherley had come into the inheritance of his fathers.—Philadelphia Evening Telegram.

"Having Fun" with Rover.

One bright summer day, when Lake Michigan was almost as smooth as a mill-pond, two boys were taking a row in a small boat near Jackson Park, Chicago. Their faithful house-dog, old "Rover," ran along the shore, barking at them and begging, in the best language at his command, to be taken on board.

"Let's have some fun with him," said one of the boys. "We'll row close to the bank and call him out, and give him a good swim."

They backed the boat to within a distance of fifteen or twenty feet from the shore and called to the dog:

"Come, Rover! Get aboard!"

Rover dashed out into the water. When he was within a few feet of them they began rowing away from him, but encouraged him to come on. Keeping just ahead of him, they lured him out into the lake a distance of a hundred yards or more. Then the old dog, feeling his strength failing, and apparently convinced that his young masters were making game of him, turned and made feebly for shore.

Then, for the first time, the boys realized what they were doing. As quickly as possible they turned the boat round and rowed after the dog whose strokes were growing feebler every moment.

"Here, Rover!" they called out. "Good old doggy! Come back! We'll help you in!"

Old Rover tried to obey, but even as he made the effort the last remnant of his strength failed him, and he sank before their eyes when almost within an arm's length of the boat.

The appealing yet loving look in the old dog's faithful eyes as the water closed over his head will haunt those boys to their dying day.—Youth's Companion.

Choosing a Safe Escort.

Mrs. Chatterly—Oh, Mr. Crumpet, you'll take me down to supper, won't you?

Crumpet—Delighted! But may I ask why this honor falls to me?

Mrs. Chatterly—Oh, you're the only man my husband isn't likely to be jealous of.—Scraps.

The doctor can't always cure you; sometimes it's your mean disposition.

QUEER STORIES

Reindeer are more numerous in Norway than horses.

The only venomous bird known is the "death bird" of New Guinea. The bite of this bird is said to cause intense pain in all parts of the body, loss of sight, convulsions and finally death.

If one were asked to name the most patient man on earth, the reply would probably be—Paul Cinquevalli. The famous feat of throwing up a hen's egg and catching it on a plate without breaking it necessitated nine years of consistent practice.

There is a curious old law in Japan, still in effect, that when the Emperor or Empress appears in public no private person must occupy a higher place than the members of the royal family. On such occasions, therefore, it is the custom to close the shutters of all the upper stories of the houses past which the royal party goes.

An unusual story comes from Central Africa about lions raiding a village. Twenty of the great cats rushed into Chorumo one night and killed and ate eleven men. The rest of the inhabitants took to their boats and left the town in the possession of the lions, which roamed about the streets all night and then disappeared.

Paris is to have a school for cabmen. The Anti-Cruelty Society and the Cab Owners' Association have decided on a plan for elevating the Jehu's calling. There is to be a period of instruction and probation. The youth who aspires to be a "whip" will receive elementary instruction in the anatomy and pathology of the horse, in harnessing, feeding, driving and in police regulations. With so much lore, Jehu should lose the attribute that has won him biblical fame.

Miss Georgia A. Burns of Oklahoma is the youngest woman ranch owner in this country. She is owner and manager of eleven thousand acres, comprising the Arrow Heart cattle ranch, and she recently leased for ninety-nine years one hundred thousand acres of oil and mineral lands in the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations. Miss Burns not only manages her ranch with ability, but spends much of her time in the saddle, and can shoot and rope cattle with as great dexterity and skill as any of the thirty cowboys regularly in her employ.

When one is sick in Holland, says Good Housekeeping, instead of subjecting the family to calls and telephone inquiries, visitors read a bulletin which is prepared every day and hung by the doorbell. When it is a "stork" case beside the bulletin announcing mother and baby's health is hung a red pin cushion if the new arrival is a boy; when a little girl is the welcome guest the cushion is a white one. These pin cushions are handed down from generation to generation and in wealthy households are made from bits of priceless lace and rare embroideries.

Among the many interesting discoveries of Dr. Sven Hedin in Central Asia is a singular oscillation in the position of the Lake of Karakoshun, or Lob Nor. This lake seems as restless as some rivers that change their beds, but the cause of its movements is a continuous change in the level of the desert in the midst of which it lies, bordered by vegetation. At present the lake is retreating northward, and creeping toward its ancient bed, where it is known to have lain in the third century of the Christian era; and as it slowly moves the vegetation, animals and the fishermen, with their reed huts, follow its shore northward. Dr. Hedin believes that after reaching the northern part of the desert the lake returns southward, the complete period of oscillation being one thousand years or more.

Patriotic, Perhaps, but Futile.

"A Patriotic American" through the column of letters from Herald readers this morning argues that it should not be necessary to write "D. C." after the name of our capital, Washington.

He points out that no one finds it necessary to describe the location of London or Paris by affixing the county or department, and after narrating an experience with capable operators abroad concludes that it would be more simple and dignified to be able to wire from any part of the world to "Washington, America."

Our correspondent fails to explain how he would induce surrender of the name of the big State of Washington, the half dozen cities of Washington and the various towns, counties and townships, numbering more than two hundred in all parts of the Union, proudly named for the Father of His Country. One "London" and one "Paris" will do well enough for little places like England and France, but when it comes to Washington in this mighty continent of ours—no, we guess "D. C." will have to stay.—New York Herald.

Not to Be Beaten.

"The station at Savannah," says a traveler through the South, "is surrounded in all directions with a lot of saloons and cheap restaurants. In great illuminated letters over one of these saloons was the sign:

"'Open all night.'

"Next to it was a restaurant bearing with equal prominence the legend, 'We never close.'

"Third in order was a Chinese laundry in a litle tumbledown hovel, and upon the front of this building was the sign in great scrawling letters: 'Me wakee, too.'"

The trouble with the man who brags is that he has nothing to brag on.

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PAPERS BY THE PEOPLE

GREAT PROBLEMS OF THE DAY.

By Joseph G. Cannon.

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Attention recently has been riveted upon abuses in the transportation of the products of our farms, mines and factories. In spite of all that has been said, it is true that they are transported at half or less than half the charge demanded by carriers elsewhere in the world.

Perhaps the most serious complaints grow out of preferential freight rates allowed by the transportation companies to certain favored shippers, not because the companies desired to give them, but because great shippers demanded such concessions as a condition precedent to their patronage, and went elsewhere if their demands were refused. In my judgment most, if not all, the ills complained of and which we are seeking to remedy had their initiative in the practice of allowing discriminations in favor of certain shippers.

All policies, and I may say all legislation as well, that makes fish of one and fowl of another are un-American and destructive.

But the people of the United States, competent for self-government and never so competent as now, have always met with courage problems as they arise, and, guided by wisdom, patience and patriotism, have solved them. The problems confronting us to-day are by no means the most trying and difficult ones ever presented to the American people for solution. The achievement of our independence, the formation of the constitution, the abolition of servile labor, the preservation of the Union, the keeping of the public faith have all involved questions more difficult of solution than those we face to-day.

IMPROVE QUALITY OF IMMIGRANTS.

By John Mitchell.

Immigration should be restricted for the protection of American labor as it is to-day. The men who are now employed in our mines and factories should be safeguarded against the new arrivals who are willing to step into their places for lower wages. This seems to me one of the important reasons for a reform in this branch of our national policy.

I believe that the educational qualification for the admission of the immigrant should be raised. He should be able to read and write his native language reasonably well. Such a restriction would give us a better class of immigrants than we get now and a class less likely to swell the ranks of too cheap labor.

Besides demanding this educational qualification, we ought to require of these immigrants that they bring money enough to transport them to whatever section of the country offers the greatest advantages to them. I believe that a man landing on our shores should be able to follow the trade that he was engaged in at home or turn his energies in any other direction that he may naturally desire. Many immigrants would adopt this course if they had enough money to wait for an opening or to pay their way to a point where they might find employment in their particular line. But so many land with just enough in their pockets to get them through the barge office that they are forced to take the first job which they can find. This is often some other man's job, and the immigrant gets it because he is willing to do the same work for lower wages.

The requirement that the immigrant bring more money with him will aid, too, in the distribution of immigrants throughout the country and prevent centralization in the vicinity of the landing points.

ON TATTLING IN SCHOOL.

By William Wesley.

THERE is little or no proper feeling in most public schools in regard to the pupils tattling on one another, nor is the problem an easy one in all is bearings. It is emphatically one in which the co-operation of the teachers is necessary, and some advice from them during school hours would do much toward shaping the characters of their boys and girls in after life respecting this thing.

Generally speaking, the rule is divided into two parts. In all ordinary circumstances do not tattle at all. But if the wrong done is a violation of the civil law, or goes deep into moral questions, it should be informed on. Ordinary mischief, as long as it does not involve the wanton destruction of property, is not the sort of thing any self-respecting child should run to a teacher with. One of the best schools I ever knew or heard of gave the tattler the punishment due to the offender for this sort of disagreeable officiousness, and let the offender go free.

But anything in the nature of stealing should be told on. Children cannot be taught respect for property rights too soon. This is also true of all real wickedness in either boys or girls. Some children are so cursed that they are moral lepers at an early age. Such offenses should be taken to the principal with promptness, before the offender can exert his evil influence further. In this parents, too, should co-operate.

Gossip and backbiting, scandal and slander, have their roots in the same motives that actuate tattlers. A community of such people would be unendurable to live in. It should not be through any school influence that our little ones would be set in this malicious and hateful class. Let every teacher, set her face in absolute opposition, by refusing to listen.

IS THE WORLD GOING CRAZY?

By Dr. Forbes Winslow.

According to the statistical figures on insanity, it can be shown that before long there will be actually more lunatics in the world than sane people. The burning problem of the day is how to prevent this increase of insanity. What is the use of wasting time and energy on education when we have before us this absorbing problem, the contemplation of an insane world, to deal with?

HE TURNED THE TABLES.

Richard Harding Davis Tells Anecdote of Playwright.

"Then hiss in the French theaters with the help of a hollow key," said Richard Harding Davis. "Paul Bourget once told me an odd incident based upon this hollow key hissing.

"A playwright—call him Duval—had the unhappiness, one fine night, to sit through a most successful production of his latest play. The house resounded with jeers and hisses, and a young man, turning to Duval, said:

"'By Jove, how I'd roast this miserable piece if I only had a hollow key.'

"'My dear sir,' said Duval, 'I am happy to be able to accommodate you.'

"And he handed a hollow key to the young man, who at once set up a fierce and continuous hissing. Just then a critic appeared.

"'Duval,' he said to the playwright, 'I am sorry for you. Poor fellow, you don't deserve this.'

"The young man with the key looked amazed and ashamed.

"'What! Are you M. Duval? I beg your pardon a thousand times,' he cried.

"'You owe me no apology,' said Duval. 'Lunch with me to-morrow.'

"The young man accepted the invitation, and at the end of the luncheon next day, when the coffee, liquors and cigarettes were brought in, he drew a bulky manuscript from his pocket, and begged leave to read a comedy to M. Duval, for he was a playwright, too.

"Duval consented, and listened attentively to the reading. At the end the young man said:

"'Well, monsieur, what do you think of it?'

"Duval smiled as he replied:

"'Could you oblige me by returning my hollow key?'"—Exchange.

A Dilemma.

Jones—What's the matter, old man? You look ticked to death one minute and worried the next.

Smith—Well, the truth is I don't know whether to be happy or furious.

Jones—Tell me what the trouble is. Maybe I can help you out.

Smith—You know that man Timms, don't you?

Jones—Yes.

Smith—You also know that I told you yesterday that I owe him $5,000, which comes due to-day, and that I didn't see how in the world I could pay it?

Jones—Yes, I remember.

Smith—Well, Timms eloped with another man's wife last night. He does not dare to come back, and I am $5,000 to the good.

Jones—Well, I don't see that you have any reason to be anything but happy.

Smith—But it was my wife that he eloped with.—Pacific Monthly.

JAIL BARRED TO HIM.

American Prisoner in China Receives Cold Welcome.

When the Chinese day watchman at the American consulate went his rounds the other morning he discovered that one of the cells that should have contained a prisoner was empty. Door and window were intact, and there was no sign to show how the occupant of the cell—C. S. Buttrick—had effected his escape. Buttrick was serving a sentence of three years' imprisonment on a charge of embezzlement, which was heard at Tien-Tsin.

The night watchman, who was at first suspected of connivance in the escape, returned to his post at 7 p. m. as usual. He told a perfectly straightforward story. He came on duty, he said, as usual, at 7 o'clock the preceding evening. Buttrick was then out for his daily walk, but returning at about 9 p. m. called for a tansan and then retired to his cell. The watchman saw nothing more of him, and when he left at 7 a. m. he placed the keys, as usual, on a table where the day watchman would know where to find them.

Another version is that when Buttrick returned from his evening walk he was unable to get into the consulate. He knocked and rang for some time without any response, and finally, in high dudgeon at the inhospitality of the consulate, went elsewhere for his night's lodging. Our informant adds that he would not be surprised if Buttrick turned up some day to lodge a complaint against the American authorities for locking him out in this inhuman manner.—North China News.

This Country's Product of Gems.

Our chief gem productions in this country in 1905 were: Sapphires, $125,000; turquoise, $65,000; tourmalines, $50,000; peridots and crystal quartzes, $10,000 each; aquamarines, $6,000; kunzite, gold quartz chrysoprase, silicified wood and garnets, $5,000 each; smoky quartz and chlorastrolite, $3,000 each; amethyst, agate, pyrite, malachite and catlinite, $2,000 each; moss agate, $1,500; beryl, rose quartz, amazon stone and arrow points, $1,000 each; topaz, utahlite and melite, $500 each; fossil coral, $250, and dumortierite in quartz, $100.

Spankers.

Mrs. Gunner—It is queer how remarkably good the children have been since we returned from Cairo.

Mr. Gunner—Oh, they are wise.

Mrs. Gunner—Wise to what?

Mr. Gunner—To the fact that I brought back a collection of hard Egyptian sandals.

But Think of the Other Man.

U. Bett—Do you think religion has any business meddling with politics?

Y. Knott—I didn't use to. I do now. When I was just about to get an election bet out of a man the preacher happened along, and I had to change the subject. While I was talking with the preacher the other man got away. Saved me $10.

Moonshining in New York.

"Don't talk to me about moonshining in Kentucky," said the internal revenue agent. "There's more moonshining going on all the time in little old New York than could be done in ten Kentuckys. In the crowded sections of the east and west sides stills spring up right along and for a while conduct a flourishing business in the low-grade whisky they manufacture.

"You see, it doesn't take much trouble to equip a still with corn and yeast and start in to make the mash which is finally turned out as a pretty poor sort of whisky. The great difficulty is in getting rid of the peculiar smoke and odor from the stills without exciting suspicion. This is usually attempted by running the still in connection with a dye-shop or some other chemical enterprise as a blind. We keep watch on all such establishments and have the town well covered by sharp-eyed and sharp-nosed agents besides.

"We are constantly arresting these small moonshiners and sending them to jail. But enough spring up in their places for you to say with safety that, as I say, there's more moonshining going on in New York City right along than there could be in ten Kentuckys."—New York Sun.

The Instinct of Birds.

Some wonderful facts concerning the instincts of birds are narrated by naturalists. The oriole, for example, has a fondness for bright colors, and yet prudence leads the little creature in building his nest to select the least conspicuous hues. He also shows architectural skill in attaching a string to his hanging nest and fastening it securely by a number of turns and a knot to a branch above in order to prevent the weight of the young brood from breaking the branch from which the nest is suspended. Is not this a good deal like buttressing a weak wall? Birds also show a progressive spirit. Formerly the tailor birds of East India used to stitch the leaves of their nests together with fine grass or horsehair. Since the introduction of British manufactures they use sewing thread and ravelings from cloths. In the districts in Switzerland where watches are made the wagtails have learned to build their nests of fine steel shavings. Sparrows, which usually build in chinks of walls or under roofs, if forced to construct their nests in trees or any unsheltered spot, usually cover them with a sort of hood to keep out the rain.

His Grasp.

"I try to be polite to passengers," said the street car conductor with the powerful breath, "but when one of 'em tries to pass a plugged nickel on me, by George, it's pretty hard for me to hold in! And the company never makes any allowance for that sort of thing."

"I suppose," observed the other man, "the company is more concerned about what you hold out."

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Mrs. W. T. Weber, who was stricken with a stroke of appoplexy last week, is reported as improving and hopes are entertained for her recovery.

L S. Fry of Plattsburg, Mo., arrived Thursday to spend the winter with his niece, Mrs. H. C. Benton. Two years ago Mr. Fry spent the winter in Covina.

Mr. Marsh, of the firm of Marsh & Russell, of Los Angeles, was in town Friday to consult with a committee of the Methodist Church regarding a new church building which is proposed by that organization to meet the requirements of their growing membership.

The many friends of Mr. W. W. Chase will regret to learn that he is in a very precarious state of health and that it has been found necessary to place him in a Los Angeles sanitarium. His physicians entertain little hope for his recovery.

The nine year old son of C. Didier, the Puente Butcher, fractured his leg on Tuesday by getting it caught between the spokes of a cart wheel. Dr. J. D. Reed of Covina was called in and set the limb. The fracture was a very severe one, being above the knee.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Freeman and daughter of Freeman, Ontario, Canada, arrived this week to make Covina their permanent home. Mr. Freeman spent last winter in Covina and while here purchased the Reynolds orchard on Center street. Mr. Freeman says the growth and improvement in our city since he was here are very noticeable. We welcome the new family to Covina.

Among guests registered at the Hotel Vendome this week were Theodore Coleman of Pasadena, H. R. McKey and F. Johnson of Los Angeles, V. D. Good of Pasadena, J. D. and M. D. Reavis and wives and Ben McLendon of Searchlight, Nevada, Fred Cowan of Kansas City, Mo., F. C. White of Los Angeles, W. F. Robinson of San Francisco, L. M. Pratt, Miss Feenan and Miss Nolan of Los Angeles.

J. A Collins, Southern Pacific agent at Blackfoot, Idaho, is the guest of his brother-in-law, Rev. S. W. Gage, pastor of the Baptist Church. Mr. Collins is delighted with Covina. When he left his eastern home the weather was nine degrees below zero, and it seemed as though he had dropped into summer when he arrived in Covina.

Geo Haynes and family, recent arrivals from Colorado, who are now nicely located in the Treiut residence on Puente street, are delighted with their more to this section. "Covina is the garden spot of the world, is my verdict," said Mr. Haynes when asked by an Argus reporter how he liked our little city. Mr. and Mrs. Haynes are social, hospitable people and we trust they may see their way clear to make their permanent home here.

Mr Clapp, the popular druggist, has a most attractive display of pretty and useful Christmas articles in his two large show windows this week. Sweet perfume in the daintiest of bottles with a dainter smell, quaint little Japanese fans, powder boxes, match safes, vases, and in fact everything to please the feminine eye and make the dressing table attractive. The cheerful background makes a pretty setting for the various gifts and the large red Christmas bells swinging from above makes the windows most attractive and an added inducement to the lady shoppers to take just a peep within.

Mrs. John Brunjes will be the hostess at a charming dinner party on Christmas eve, when she will entertain Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Brunjes, Miss Meta Brunjes, Tom Brunjes, Mr. and Mrs. Hoogendyk and family and Mrs. Wilkins.

The Young Peoples Club held one of their very pleasant affairs last Saturday evening at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Fletcher. The young people in the club are a very jolly set and their parties are always looked forward to and enjoyed most thoroughly by the club members. The meeting of Saturday night was particularly pleasant, a delightful program of music being rendered, besides interesting games were played. Miss Alice Atwood, who possesses a very sweet voice, gave several vocal solos in a charming manner. Miss Alice Burpee gave a very clever original story which was very much enjoyed. Dainty refreshments concluded the evening.

Little Miss Hazel Potter was the delightful hostess on last Saturday when she entertained nine of her little friends at an afternoon party. The children made merry with games and music until late in the afternoon, when the daintiest of refreshments were served by the charming little hostess. Miss Hazel's guests were Misses Ruth and Helen Whitsel, Violet Tucker, Gwendolen Sherwood, Marjorie Clark, Lucile Matthews, Lorene Bemis, Imogene Arthur and Master Adna Nell.

Mrs. F. W. Sherwood and Mrs. Ross Clark will entertain with a Christmas tree and tea for some of the little people Monday afternoon. The tree will be enjoyed at the home of Mrs Sherwood after which the guests will take tea at the home of Mrs. Clark. Those who will enjoy the afternoon with the children of Mrs. Sherwood and Mrs. Clark are Mrs. William W. Matthews and children of Catalina and Mrs. Brunjes and family. On Christmas day Mrs. Sherwood will entertain with a family dinner.

Mrs. S. A. Stowell gave a merry little dinner party on Sunday at her home in Chater Oak in honor of the fifth birthday of little John Westervelt, a grandson of Mrs. Middleton. The table was charmingly decorated and was laden with all the good things that a boy of five enjoys, besides a huge birthday cake brilliantly beaming with five tiny candles. Those invited to celebrate with the wee man were Mr. and Mrs. Middleton, Miss Middleton, Miss Lottie Stowell, Miss Ina Ellsworth, Mr. George Lansen and Mr. and Mrs. Stowell.

Miss Bashor, the pretty bride to be, whose marriage is to be a Christmas affair, will be the honored guest at a delightful linen shower on Monday afternoon, at which Mrs. James Bonham is to be the hostess. Miss Bashor is of the younger set and is one of its most popular members, possessing such sweet manners that she has endeared herself to all her friends. The guests to meet Miss Bashor have been asked to spend a jolly afternoon and bid farewell to her spinster days, each bringing some dainty piece of linen which will be an addition to the pretty trousseau.

Mr. and Mrs. William Clark will entertain at a dinner at their home on the San Bernardino road on Christmas day, when they will have as their guests Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Allison and family, Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Reed and family Mr. and Mrs. Charle Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. McAllen and family, Mrs. M. A. Allison and Mr. and Mrs. James Windel.

The young people of the Epworth League enjoyed one of their delightful socials last evening at the residence of Mrs. B. L. Reynolds. This was the first social that the League has held for some time and the large gathering of merry young people was proof of the success. Games and a delightful musical program helped to pass the evening pleasantly, after which dainty refreshments were served.

A pleasant affair was the candy pull on Tuesday evening when Mrs. George Van Vliet entertained a merry little gathering in honor of Miss Laura Freeman, whose marriage to Mr. Arthur Martin of Fallbrook will take place on Monday. The guests to meet the pretty coming bride were her most intimate friends. Nothing is jollier than a real old fashioned candy pull, and as Miss Freeman's future home is to be away from here, it was a sort of farewell to her. Those who enjoyed Mrs. Van Vliet's hospitality were Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Tucker Miss Maud Doughty, Mrs. Arthur and Mr. Harry Doughty.

A delightful bit of news that is being discussed over the tea cups is the engagement of Miss Laura Freeman and Arthur Martin the wedding to take place on Monday next at the home of Mrs. George W. Van Vliet on Cottage Drive. Miss Freeman's friends have been rather suspicious for some time and so the news of her engagement comes not wholly as a surprise, but that the wedding is to be so soon was not expected. Miss Freeman is a most charming and attractive girl. She has been in Covina for some time and is extremely popular in society and it is regretted that her home is to be away from here. Mr. Martin is a young business man of Fallbrook. He has made several visits here and is popular with those who have met him. The marriage will be a quiet affair and immediately after Mr. Martin will take his bride to Fallbrook where he has prepared an attractive home.

A delightful family reunion was held at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Leech this week when she gathered together her sons and daughter for a Christmas reunion at her home near Covina. A very pleasant incident was the presence of Mrs. Anna Highlands, sister-in-law of Mrs. Leech whom she had not seen for forty-five years. Mrs. Hudson of Los Angeles, who has been attending Mrs. Leech, was also a guest. The sons and daughters who were present at this pleasant affair were, Mr. and Mrs C. D. Leech, Mr. E. E. Leech, Mr. William Leech of Bakersfield, Mrs. Lottie Tanner of Los Angeles and Mrs. Leech's three grandchildren, Miss Gale Leech, Edwin Ross Leech and Master William Clifton Leech, and two friends, Mrs. Charles Damerel and Mr. Henry Damerel.

BUSINESS POINTERS

We sell art squares, rugs, matting, oil cloth, linoleum, etc. Brow & Son.

For Rent: Seven room house, good barn. Dr. C. F. Aschenbrenner.

Fresh oysters, 20c a dozen at Crenshaw's grocery.

For Sale—Potatoes $1.00 per sack. W. M. Warren.

Eat a meal at the new restaurant on N. Citrus avenue.

If you have any chickens for sale see J. C. Baldridge. tf

Apple pies, made of sound, fresh apples, 10c. Warner, Whitsel & Co.

Decoration calendar pads at Clapp's. tf

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A box of Dudderar's fine candies for Christmas. What better?

Try the fresh oysters at J. H. Mann's new restaurant.

We make the mincemeat for our pies. They are clean and wholesome and are good to eat.
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"Top Notch" bread, made with milk. It is good to eat.
Warner, Whitsel & Co.

Why not have a cement watering trough with automatic valve? Water always cool and fresh. Ben F. Thorpe makes them. Tel. 4037.

Prepare for a dry season—or a wet one—by installing a cement pipe line this winter. Call up Ben F. Thorpe, 4037.

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Finest line of imported and domestic soaps, toilet soaps ever displayed in Covina may be seen at Clapp's. tf

NOTICE—If you have Covina property of any description to sell or to exchange for Los Angeles property, list it with J. H. Matthews, real estate agent, Covina. No charge for listing.

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Cow and calf for sale, M. H. Perry, one and one half miles west on San Bernardino road. tf

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Local Events.

Baths at Asher's barber shop.

Come and see the Xmas window display. Palace of Sweets.

Two first class cows for sale. Poage place, phone 2216.

Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson were Los Angeles visitors the first of the week.

Frosted cranberry tarts, 25c a dozen. Warner, Whitsel & Co.

J. A. Blackwood registered at the Vendome Sunday from Wayne, Ill.

Just received a supply of iron beds springs and mattresses. Brow & Son.

Miss Cole Nevell of Los Angeles is the guest of her aunt. Mrs. C. W. Potter at her home on College street.

Seed barley and oats, Northern and Imperial, the very best. San Gabriel Valley Milling Company.

The C. W. B. M. will meet in the Christian Church next Wednesday at 2:30 p.m.

Seed barley and oats, Northern and Imperial, the very best. San Gabriel Valley Milling Co.

Lost—A pair of child's spectacles in case. Finder leave at Custer's store and receive reward. 1tp

M. L. Bowen of Washington registered at the Vendome during the week.

Place your savings in the United States Savings Bank of Covina and secure 4 per cent interest.

U. N. Wood and wife of Pomona are registered at the Vendome. They are spending the winter in Covina.

F. C. Wilson and family of Los Angeles registered at the Vendome Sunday.

"Top Notch" bread, made with milk. It is good to eat.
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Mr. and Mrs. Whitsel and family will spend Christmas in Whittier as the guests of Mrs. Whitsel's mother, Mrs. Job Osborn.

Mrs. B. F. Edwards, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. J. M. Poe, has returned to her home in Ocean Park.

For Sale—Pumpkins by the ton, $2.50; grape stumps by the cord $5.00; also a good mare $50.00. See or telephone Dan Reichard, Irwindale. Telephone 105.

A cablegram has been received stating the safe arrival of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Murray in England. Mrs. Murray will be remembered as the charming Miss Beatrice Wilkins before her marriage to Mr. Murray, which took place in the early summer.

A. N. Kellogg, a capitalist of Cleveland, Ohio, was the guest of Mrs. M. M. Garrison at her home on Orange avenue Sunday. Mr. Kellogg has been touring Southern California on a pleasure trip, leaving Tuesday for Mexico City.

The dishes and silverware taken from the skating rink last Friday may be found at Mr. Custer's furniture store. Some articles have been lost and if anyone has made a mistake and not received their own they will oblige the committee by looking into the matter and making exchange.

Messrs. Alfred and Jack Fletcher, sons of the Rev. and Mrs. A. Fletcher, are expected to arrive today from the University of California where they are attending college, to spend the holidays with their parents. Mr. Alfred Fletcher is the editor of the Daily Californian, the college paper.

The pastors of the various churches have formed a Ministerial Association which will meet once every month. The object of the association is to look after the needs of Covina and the general good of the town. The first meeting was held on Tuesday morning at the residence of the Rev. Mr. Conley, when the election of officers took place. Rev. Mr. Stevens, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, was chosen president, and Rev. Mr. White, pastor of the Methodist Church, was elected secretary of the association.

Robert Crenshaw, the grocer, has just issued to all his friends and customers a most artistic calendar for the Christmastide, in the form of a dainty girl surrounded with bright red roses, and with a little dog carrying a basket. The calendar is one of the prettiest of the season. Mr. Crenshaw has been enlarging his stock of fancy groceries and now is supplied with all the delicies for the Christmas dinner. An exceptionally good supply of fruits and vegetables is always to be found at Mr. Crenshaw's, besides a complete line of groceries of all kinds.

Try Mann's new restaurant.

Xmas cards and postals at Clapp's.

Good meals at Mann's restaurant.

We lead, others follow. Palace of Sweets.

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Remember—We will duplicate any magazine combination offer. Clapp's drug store. tf

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W. N. Dunham and wife and H. W. Bailey of Pasadena were guests at the Vendome Sunday.

Jacob Brunjes and daughter and Mrs. Thorpe were in Los Angeles during the week.

Say! Do you know you can save money by trading with Brow & Son? Dealers in house furnishing goods.

Have you tried a date cake? A 2 pound cake 25c. They are fine.
Warner, Whitsel & Co.

Jack Beckinsale of Ontario has been a guest several days this week at the home of Mrs. B. F. Cook of Second street.

You will have to hurry if you want a fancy box for Xmas. Everybody buys their candy at the Palace of Sweets. Don't worry, watch us grow.

The Covina High School baseball team will play the Lordsburg College nine this afternoon at Lordsburg.

Rev. D. A. Homfeld, a German Baptist minister has purchased property here and intends to make his home in our beautiful little town.

If you wish to save fuel call and see our "Menlo" steel ranges, steel cooks and air tight heaters, best on the market. Brow & Son, Cook block.

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Mr. Will Lavayea, a student at Stanford, is spending his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Winder.

Mrs. J. C. Hudson who has been attending Mrs. Elizabeth Leech, will spend Christmas in Los Angeles as the guest of her children.

On New Year's eve there will be a union watch party at the Christian Church to watch the old year out and the new year in. A musical program has been prepared and refreshments will be served.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Griffith, Jr. and family left yesterday for Monticello, where Mrs. Griffiths and children expect to spend the winter visiting with relatives. Mr. Griffith will return shortly after the new year to attend to his extensive business interests here.

Hubert Neil was taken to Los Angeles last Saturday to have an operation performed. Some time ago the boy fell while at play and hurt himself. It was not thought to be serious at the time, but later an operation was found necessary.

Dudderar's Confectionery has a large display ad on our last page advertising their firm as the old reliable candy house, and so it is. Dudderar's candies are of superior merit and have made themselves widely known.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that all municipal taxes are now due and payable and that all taxes due will become delinquent upon the last Monday of December, next, hereafter at five o'clock p.m., and unless paid prior thereto, ten per cent will be added to the amount thereof. Taxes may be paid at the office of the City Marshal, I. C. FAIRLY.

Saint Agnes Guild this afternoon will hold a Christmas sale in the Bell & Ostrander building on Citrus avenue, beginning at 2 o'clock. This sale is somewhat different from that which is usually called the Christmas sale, where articles of fancy work and all sorts of pretty gifts are offered to the public, being a genuine Christmas dinner sale with all the good things that the housewife will need for her Christmas dinner, dressed chickens, home made mince pies, real old fashioned English plum puddings, fruit cakes, little jelly tarts that are made especially for the children, candies and many other good things to eat. Such a sale as this was a clever thought of the Guild, for it will be a great saving on the busy housewife, besides being less expensive. The sale this afternoon will continue until evening.

Removal.

We have removed the Box Ball Parlor to the Gamle storeroom, where we will be glad to welcome all old patrons and friends as well as new ones. Come in and see us.
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Seed barley and oats, Northern and Imperial, the very best. San Gabriel Valley Milling Company.

Delinquent Notice.

Office of the Covina Irrigating Company, principal place of business, Covina, Rowland Township, County of Los Angeles, State of California.

There are delinquent on the following described stock on account of assessment No. 42, levied on November 7th, 1906, the several amounts set opposite the names of the respective shareholders as follows.

NAME	No. Cert.	No. Shares	Amt.
S.W. Funk	729	20	$15.00
Peter W. Defiancey	1842	50	37.50
L. D. Graham	935	7½	5.63
United Investment Co.	1736	141	105.75
United Investment Co.	1770	60	45.00
George Wright	165	10½	7.88

And in accordance with law and an order of the board of directors, made on the 7th day of November, A. D., 1906, so many shares of each parcel of stock as may be necessary shall be sold at public auction at the office of the company in Covina California, the 31st day of December, A. D., 1906, at the hour of 2 o'clock p.m. of said day, to pay said delinquent assessment thereon, together with the costs of advertising and expenses of sale.

B. F. EDWARDS, Secretary.
Covina, Cal., November 12, 1906.

Notice.

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Covina National Bank of Covina, Cal., will be held at its banking room on the second Tuesday (the 8th) of January, 1907, at the hour of 10 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of electing directors and transacting any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

V. O. ENGLISH, Cashier.

Notice.

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the United States Savings Bank of Covina, Cal., will be held at its banking room on the second Tuesday (the 8th) of January, 1907, at the hour of 11 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of electing directors and transacting any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

V. O. ENGLISH, Secretary.

Notice of Annual Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Covina will be held on Tuesday, the eighth day of January, 1907, at 10 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of electing a board of nine directors to serve for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting.

W. M. GRISWOLD, Cashier.

Notice of Annual Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Covina Valley Savings Bank will be held on Tuesday, the eighth day of January, 1907, at 10 o'clock a. m. for the purpose of electing a board of directors to serve for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as may properly be brough before the meeting.

J. C. HUTCHINSON, Jr., Cashier.

ASSESSMENT NOTICE.

Irwindale Land and Water Company, principal place of business, Irwindale Postoffice, County of Los Angeles, State of California.

Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the directors, held on the 22 day of October, 1906, an assessment, (No. 5), of 30 cents ($.30) per share was levied on the capital stock of the above named corporation, at the secretary's office at Irwindale, County of Los Angeles, State of California. Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on the 2nd day of January, 1907, shall be delinquent and advertised for public auction, and unless payment is made before, will be be sold on the 1st day of February, 1907, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, at the office of the company in Irwindale, County of Los Angeles, State of California, to pay the delinquent assessment, together with cost of advertising and expense of sale.

C. D. LEECH, Secretary.

Annual Stockholders Meeting.

Office of the Covina Irrigating Company.

To the stockholders of the Covina Irrigating Company:

Please take notice that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Covina Irrigating Company will be held at the office of the corporation in the City of Covina, County of Los Angeles, State of California, on Tuesday, the 8th day of January, A. D., 1907, at 10 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of electing directors and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

B. F. EDWARDS, Secretary.
Dated Dec. 22, 1906.

Hay for Sale:—J. C. Clutterbuck. tf

Place your spare cash in the Covina Valley Savings Bank, a safe investment at 4 per cent.

Holidy rates via Southern Pacific, fare and one-third for round trip. Tickets on sale Dec. 22 with return limit Jan. 2. For further information call up S. P. depot.

The many friends of Mrs. R. J. Pollard, who has been so seriously ill, will rejoice to learn that her condition is improving and she is now pronounced out of danger.

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Officers and directors:
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Selecting His Nose.

A young gentleman, recently engaged to the girl he adored, unfortunately had his nose broken while playing cricket. A doctor was hastily summoned, but the victim of the accident would not accept his services until he had received an answer to a telegram just dispatched. Two hours later the reply came. It was from his lady-love, and the young gentleman handed it to the doctor, saying, resignedly:

"Go ahead now!"

The reply to the wire was: "Have nose set Roman; do not like Greek.—Ada."—Tit-Bits.

Opinion of an Expert.

The South Chicago man, who was taking his first trip across central Michigan, looked out of the car window and saw one of those peculiar fences that the farmers of that region sometimes make by digging up old pine stumps and laying them in a row, with the roots facing the road.

"Well," he said, "I've seen all kinds of fads in landscape decoration, but, by George, there's the worst attempt in that line I ever saw!"

SEED TIME

The experienced farmer has learned that some grains require far different soil than others; some crops need different handling than others. He knows that a great deal depends upon right planting at the right time, and that the soil must be kept enriched. No use of complaining in summer about a mistake made in the spring. Decide before the seed is planted.

The best time to remedy wasting conditions in the human body is before the evil is too deep rooted. At the first evidence of loss of flesh

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A Fatal Mistake.

Mrs. John—What did you do that bunch of roses I laid on the t last night?

John—Why, I put them in water

Mrs. John—Mercy! Those we real! I bought them to put on my hat.—Detroit Free Press.

Science and Invention

According to French and Swiss physicians, it is dangerous for elderly and weak persons to visit the higher altitudes of the Alps. They assert that for such persons to do so is to invite cerebral apoplexy, cardiac lesions and pulmonary embolism.

By a police order now in operation in Paris laundries must disinfect all garments as soon as they are received. Clothes must be conveyed to the laundries in hermetically sealed bags and, on their arrival, be scalded in an antiseptic solution. The work people are to wear special clothes, which also are to be disinfected.

With the assistance of the Danish government a scientific station for the study of the life of the arctic region is to be established on the southern coast of the island of Disco, in Danish Greenland. The biological laboratory will contain a full installment of apparatus for research, and investigators from other countries will be welcomed to pursue their studies there. It is intended to have the station in readiness for the first visitors in 1907. The expenses are to be paid partly by the government and partly by A. Holck of Copenhagen.

The recent discussions concerning the decimal system of weights and measures render more interesting a curious paragraph reprinted in the Journal des Debats, from its issue of the same date, Aug. 22, 1806, when Napoleon I. was at the height of his power. It states that there were two dials on the principal building of the Tuilleries, one counting the hours by 12 and the other by 10. Taking advantage of the need for repairs, the dial divided into 10 hours was destroyed, since, as the paragraph goes on to say, 'it had served for no purpose except to show to what point the mania for innovation was capable of mounting in opposition to the settled habits of all times and all peoples."

Darwin relates that the Gauchos of the American pampas live for months on the fat meat of the oxen they watch over. The Eskimos can get along very well by eating from five pounds to six pounds a day of reindeer, or seal's flesh, so long as it is not too lean, but contains a due proportion of fat. Says the author of "Diet and Dietetics: "Some men obliged to live a very fatiguing life, the trappers and hunters of the pampas of America and Siberian steppes, the inhabitants of very cold climates, the fishermen living on the banks of the frozen sea, can eat almost exclusively, without suffering from it, enormous quantities of meat or fish, but on two conditions—that the individual subjected to this diet lead a very active life in the open air."

According to the views of Philippe Champault, the Odyssey of Homer is really a valuable record of ancient geographical knowledge. Mr. Champault shows that Homer's descriptions of the land of the Cyclops, the land of the Phæacians, the Isle of Circe, and so forth, correspond in a remarkable manner with places surrounding the Bay of Naples. The great staring "eyes" formed by the extinct craters of the Phlegræan Fields suggested Polyphemus and his one-eyed race. One of the most striking of the topographical identifications suggested by Mr. Champault is that of the "floating shield" seen by Ulysses. From a point northwest of Ischia (identified as the island of Phæacians) one sees rising from the water a remarkable rounded hill, whose outlines, even to the molding of the edge, perfectly resemble those of a great shield of the ancient Greek pattern, floating on the waves.

SOME AMAZING MARRIAGES.

Unions of Youth and Age—Strange Choices of Kings.

That the days of romantic marriages are by no means at an end is proved by the fact that within a few days recently the lady superior of a Budapest convent, who had for twenty years worn the veil of a nun, became the wife of a stonemason young enough to be her son; a wealthy widow of Washington gave her hand and heart to a blind street singer, a German count of long descent led a washerwoman's daughter to the altar and a Russian countess eloped with her footman.

But Cupid has played pranks far stranger than any of these. At Worcester a blacksmith of 90 was once mated to a child of 15; in Berkshire a blind woman of 90 was wedded to her plowman, a youth of 20, and a little later a girl of 16 became the bride of a man who was nearly 80 when she was cradled. Almost more remarkable still was a Berkshire wedding of many years ago, in which bridegroom and bride numbered 168 years between them—he was 85 and she was two years younger; the two bridesmaids had celebrated their 70th birthday and the path to the altar was strewn with flowers by six of the bridegroom's granddaughters.

In the eighteenth century a woman who was pilloried in Cheapside and sentenced to six months' imprisonment had been married to no fewer than three members of her own sex, whom, in turn, she robbed and deserted; and at the same time two women were keeping a public house at Poplar as man and wife, and it was only on her deathbed that the "wife" revealed the secret, which had been successfully kept for thirty-six years.

About ten years ago Dr. Mary Spencer was married at Neath to her eleventh husband, her first appearance at the altar being at the age of 15 and her latest at 44. A Mexican woman, Senora Ray Castillo, buried seven husbands between 1880 and 1895, each of them dying a violent death. A man of Bordeaux only yielded up the ghost in 1772 after he had wedded his sixteenth bride. Jerome tells of a widow who had buried twenty-one husbands before she was united to a man who had already survived twenty wives, and Evelyn beats this amazing record with the case of a woman who when he saw her was remarried to her twenty-fifth husband.

To return, however, to remarkable cases of mesalliance, it is not long since one of the best known kings of Europe made a morganatic wife of the daughter of a caretaker of Louvain, whom he had already created a baroness. Archduke John of Austria married the pretty daughter of a small country postmaster who in boy's clothes had acted as his postilion. Archduke John Salvator sacrificed his royal rank to become the husband of a ballet dancer, the daughter of obscure parents, and Archduke Ernest took to wife a woman of still humbler position, and not long ago the son of this union was head waiter in a Budapest cafe, while Princess Josephine of Spain, great aunt of King Alfonso, eloped with a Havana journalist.

Peter the Great made a wife and empress of a girl who had been a servant in the house of a Lutheran minister at Marienburg. Sir Henry Parkes, William Corbett and Thomas Coutts, the millionaire banker, all chose maids of all work for their life partners, and Sir Gervaise Clifton, the historian of Jamaica, had no fewer than seven wives, each of whom had been in his own service.

JACK ALOFT.

The sailor, mast-high and swinging at ease with the roll of the ship, is a sight too common to excite wonder. Yet that very familiarity with lofty places, that sure hand and steady poise, often include in their history of development times of great stess and misery. Mr. Bullen, in his "Log of a Sea Waif," gives a description of his sensations when the masthead was still a point of dread. The author was then a cabin-boy on a ship bound for Bombay, when, one rough day, he heard his name called, and, running aft, was met by the second mate.

He put a coil of rope in my hands and told me to reeve the signal-halyards in the mizzen truck. We carried extra long royal poles or bare extensions of masts above the highest point of rigging. Ours were sixteen feet long, and the top was not much bigger than a man's wrist. They were crowned with flat pieces of wood the size of a cheese-plate, on one side of which was the sheave for signal-halyards.

I started aloft boldly enough, but when I reached the base of the pole and saw to what height its bareness towered above, I faltered. My heart failed as the staggering ship lurched and the sea roared one hundred and twenty feet below me. My head swam, and all strength left me. I sat some time with my legs clutched about the pole, just clinging, without power to move. A voice from the deck called up:

"Hurry up, there, with the halyards!"

Although I felt that I was going to certain death, yet my fear of the mate was so potent I made another attempt. Pulling myself up, I shut my eyes and said a prayer. Trembling, but fighting against the benumbing weakness, I actually struggled to the top. Even now, when I think of it, a cold sweat starts out all over me. Opening my eyes, I thrust at the opening of the sheave with the end of the line. It was knotted, and would not go through.

I had tried and failed and with a last flash of energy, I grasped the pole with both arms and slid down to the eyes of the royal rigging. There I clung for a few moments, violently ill; then, feeling the bitterness of death past, I descended, walked up to the mate, and said:

"I've tried, and I can't do it, sir; not if you kill me!"

The mate stared at me a moment, then turned away and gave the order to some one else.

The incident may seem trivial, but though I have faced death many times, I never felt such terror.

Rossini's Laziness.

Rossini was one of the most indolent of men and in his younger days used to do most of his composing in bed. Once he had almost completed a trio, when the sheet fell out of his hand and went under the bed. He could not reach it, and, rather than get up, he wrote another. The lazy man, if he works at all, does so by spurts, and Rossini, working against time, wrote "The Barber of Seville" in thirteen days. When Donizetti was told of this he remarked, "It is very possible. He is so lazy!" The overture to the "Gazza Ladra" was written under curious circumstances. On the very day of the first performance of the opera not a note of the overture was written, and the manager, getting hold of Rossini, confined him in the upper loft of La Scala, setting four scene shifters on guard over him. These took the sheets as they were filled and threw them out of the windows to copyists beneath.

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Mrs. Hogan—No, mum; my wages isn't steady.—Judge.

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Hoadly Squelched.

George Hoadly, formerly Governor of Ohio, says that the hardest setting down he ever experienced fell to him while campaigning in his own State. Tired and out of sorts, he arrived at a little town one evening and went to the only hotel in the place. The proprietor stood coatless behind a little desk smoking a corncob pipe. After Mr. Hoadly registered his host said: "Take yer grip up to No. 10, down at the far end of the hall." With some exasperation the state's chief executive said: "I am George Hoadly, Governor of Ohio." The man looked him over calmly and replied: "Well, what d'ye want me to do—kiss ye?" The Governor went meekly to bed.—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

More Information.

Mrs. Chugwater—Josiah, the doctor says Mr. McJones has pleuro-pneumonia. What is pleuro-pneumonia?

Mr. Chugwater—You know what pneumonia is, don't you? Well, pleuro is the same as plural. It means more than one. Pleuro-pneumonia is what you have when you've got it in both lungs. Why can't you think these things out for yourself once in a while?

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Real Name of "Guillotine."

The nickname "guillotine" might have been "louisette"—and would have been if Dr. Guillotin's own wishes had been consulted. He neither died by the guillotine nor invented it, in spite of the popular legend on both points. What he did was to carry in the constituent assembly of 1789 his proposal that decapitation should be the form of capital punishment for all classes, and no longer the privilege of the aristocracy, and to propose, on the ground of humanity, that a machine should be substituted for the ax or sword.

Unfortunately his remark, "With my machine I have your head off in the twinkling of an eye, and without your feeling the least pain," extinguished his motion in laughter. But afterwards Mr. Louis, secretary of the Academy of Surgeons, to whom the question was referred, recommended such a machine, though forms of which had been used in Scotland, England, and other countries. So at first the "national razor" was called a "louisette."

But Guillotin's remark was remembered, with "guillotine" as the result to his deep horror and disgust.—London Chronicle.

Forgetful Saurian.

A colored preacher took some candidates for immersion down to a river in Louisiana. Seeing some alligators in the stream, one of them objected.

"Why, brother," urged the pastor, "can't you trust the Lord? He took care of Jonah, didn't he?"

"Y-a-a-s," admitted the darky, "but de whale's diff'rent. A whale's got a memory, but ef one o' dem 'gators wus to swaller dis nigger, he'd jes' go ter sleep dar in de sun an' fergit all 'bout me."—Woman's Home Companion.

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Telling the News in Holland.

In Holland births, marriages and deaths, instead of being recorded in newspapers, are indicated by windmills. When a miller gets married he stops his mill with the arms of the wheel in a slanting position and with the sails unfurled. His friends and guests frequently do likewise with their mills in token of the ceremony. To indicate a birth the wheel is stopped with the arms in a slanting position, but at a more acute angle than for a marriage, and with the two upper sails unfurled. Should a miller die the sails of his mill are all furled, and the wheel is turned around until the arms form an upright cross, in which position they are left until the funeral has taken place.

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Tribe Committed Suicide.

In consequence of the wording of a telegram, it is alleged that the Netherland troops in Bali got Achin (this is 1,700 miles away from Bali), slaughtered about 400 people, among them a majority of women and children. The death of so many human beings is sad enough, without the imputation of cruelty against the Netherland soldiers, says the London Times. What happened is this:

All students of Malay and Hindu history know that one of the most horrid customs in those countries is the "poo-pootan," what I should like to call the tribal suicide. A Bali prince, with the instincts of his warrior race, declines to surrender; but prefers death, and he with all his people seek death. The prince of Badoeng did this. He turned a deaf ear to all suggestions of a settlement, but he and all connected with him, men, women and children, committed suicide.

Nearly the same thing happened in 1895 in Lombok, a neighboring island. The old king had surrendered, but one of his sons, a cripple, walked out with all his relatives, dressed in gorgeous garments, bedecked with all their jewelry, and with their swords and lances attacked the Dutch army, only to find the death they courted. Those that were not killed in the fight were afterward found to have killed themselves.

Uncle Allen.

"So far as my observation goes," remarked Uncle Allen Sparks, "the 'common lot' of man, that you hear of so often, 'is usually about 2 feet by 6.'"

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Where Ships Were Made.

The name of Bath, Maine, is as inseparably associated with the history of the merchant marine of the United States, and particularly with the American ship-building industry, as that of Pittsburg is with the iron and steel industry in this country, or that of Glasgow with marine construction in the united kingdom, says the National Magazine. As a port of entry, Bath, which once occupied a prominent position and did a flourishing trade with the West Indies and Europe, has sunk into comparative insignificance, on account of the location of its magnificent harbor so far from the great pathways of present-day American commerce; but as a ship-building center, it has retained the prestige won when its ships were on every sea and in every port in the world, in that much regretted ante bellum epoch, when the American flag was as familiar wherever the commerce-carriers of the sea penetrated as the red ensign of the mistress of the seas. Neither the increasing distance of the Bath shipyards from the materials which they consume, nor the partial change from wood to steel in hull construction, have operated to deprive this staid community of its still unchallenged sobriquet, the City of Ships.

He Struck Home.

"Paw-uh!"

"What is it?"

"What is meant by striking home?"

"Bumping into the house at 2 a. m.," broke in ma, and then pa slammed on his hat and marched down to the corner.—Houston Chronicle.

Omissions of History.

Francis Scott Key had just written the "Star Spangled Banner."

"In days to come," he said, "when people hear that song they will stand on their feet and listen to it with uncovered heads!"

Yet even he had no premonition that the day would come when the playing of "The Star Spangled Banner" by a theater orchestra would make the people within hearing rise to their feet as one man, grab their wraps and make a dive for the exits.

The Evils of Constipation

are many; in fact almost every serious illness has its origin in constipation, and some medicines, instead of preventing constipation, add to it. This is true of most cathartics, which, when first used, have a beneficial effect, but the dose has to be continually increased, and before long the remedy ceases to have the slightest effect. There is one preparation, however, that can be relied upon to produce the same results with the same dose, even after fifty years' daily use, and this is Brandreth's Pills, which has a record of over 100 years as the standard remedy for constipation and all troublesarising from an impure state of the blood.

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Site for Charlemagne.

Charlemagne, though interred at Aix-la-Chapelle and regarded as an ancestor by the German emperor, is nevertheless claimed as a Frenchman by the majority of modern Gauls. Their interest in the great emperor, however, does not extend to the point of providing a definite site for his monument, which for twenty years has occupied a temporary wooden pedestal on the bank of the Seine, within the precincts of Notre Dame. A movement is now on foot to have an appropriate pedestal set up for the statue, which is covered with waterproof canvas.—New Orleans Picayune.

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George said nothing. But across his mind flashed the thought that his incapacity for prevarication was not an inherited trait.—Washington Star.

ORPHEUM.

Christmas week at the Orpheum will be distinguished by a program of unusual quality.

Julius Steger, the well know operatic baritone, will make his first vaudeville appearance here, assisted by Helen Mar Wilcox, William H. Pascoe and John Romano the celebrated harpist. The medium for their introduction is a musical-dramatic playlet entitled "The Fifth Commandment."

Kathrine Nugent, who as Flora Wiggins the tough girl, was the hit of "The College Widow" will also make her first appearance in vaudeville here. She is know as the American Cissy Loftus, and gives amusing imitiations of prominent stage folk.

Mlle Dziria, a Parisian dancer whose reputation has preceded her across the foam, will be seen in a beautiful terpsichorean novelty.

Chas Serra a gymnast of fame in the East, and the three Leightons in a comedy entitled "A One-night Stand in Minstrelsy" complete the list of newcomers. The holdovers are Bellman & Moore, Kochly Bros. and the marvelous Lukens. New motion pictures.

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President's Baby Dress.

Marianna, the 16-months-old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Horace Whittlesey of Emporia, Kan., is the owner of a dress worn by William Henry Harrison, once president of the United States, when he was a baby in old Virginia days, says the New York Herald. William Henry Harrison was born in 1778. Miss Ellen Windsor, who was "Tippecanoe" Harrison's nurse, was given the dress by the mother of Mr. Harrison. She, in turn, gave it to her friend, Mrs. Chapin, for her baby to wear.

Years afterward Mrs. Chapin passed it on to her friend, Mrs. J. C. Whittlesey, and Horace Whittlesey was the next baby to wear the little garment. Mrs. Horace Whittlesey dressed little Marianna in the famous frock the other day, but she didn't allow her to make mud pies while she had it on—in fact, she wore it only half an hour, and the dress was then put carefully away.

The pretty little garment is made with low neck and short sleeves and is one piece from neck to hem. It is shirred at the top, the hem finished in genuine Mount Mellick embroidery, and French knots are scattered over the dress. The material is the finest linen.

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"This is a 'Book of Manners,'" he said. "It was printed in 1476. Here are a few extracts."

And he read:

"Do not gnaw a bone, like a dog, nor suck the marrow out of a bone.

"In peeling a pear, begin at the stalk; but with an apple, begin at the top.

"Do not wipe the hands on the clothes, nor suck them, but use the cloth.

"When you drink, lift the cup in both hands; you must not drink with one hand like a wagoner when he is greasing his cart wheels.

"Wipe your nose and mouth when you have drunk, and do not cough into the cup.

"Do not eat an apple all alone, but cut it in two and give a neighbor a piece.

"Do not use your own knife to cut your meat if the host has set a knife of his own at your place.

"Do not spread butter on bread with your thumb."

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Considerate of the Cook.

"This story may sound a bit fishy, but it is true, nevertheless," said a clerk at the National hotel. "A few days ago a young man came in and registered and I immediately sized him up as a resident of the rural districts. He was very verdant and that was demonstrated beyond a doubt later when he asked me what time dinner would be ready. I told him the hours for meals and he left the desk. Shortly afterward he came back. I saw there was something on his mind and thought I'd help him out.

"'Is there anything I can do for you, sir?' I inquired.

"'Well, I dunno,' he replied, 'but I was just thinking I'd tell you I won't be here at dinner time, so you needn't bother about waiting for me. I've got to meet a feller about the time you said was meal time and I don't know whether I'll be able to get back. I don't want to put folks to any trouble, so you had better tell the cook about it. I guess I can get along without dinner for one day, anyhow.'

"We don't often have guests who are so considerate of the cook," mused the hotel man.—Washington Post.

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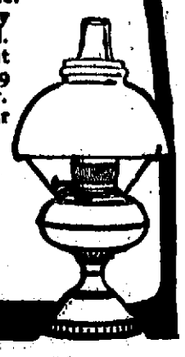

Golden Glow.

"She was a long way from being beautiful when I knew her."

"Well, she's beautiful now, all right."

"Some relative must have died and left her a pot of money."—Houston Post.

Found It So.

"Over on the Lake Shore drive now, are you? Quite an exclusive part of town, isn't it?"

"Exclusive? Well, I should scorn to prevaricate! Anybody who wants to call on us has to walk a mile or come in a carriage."

SKIN DISEASES

HUMORS IN THE BLOOD.

When the blood is pure, fresh and healthy, the skin will be soft, smooth and free from blemishes, but when some acid humor takes root in the circulation its presence is manifested by a skin eruption or disease. These humors get into the blood, generally because of an inactive or sluggish condition of the members of the body whose duty it is to collect and carry off the waste and refuse matter of the system. This unhealthy matter is left to sour and ferment and soon the circulation becomes charged with the acid poison. The blood begins to throw off the humors and acids through the pores and glands of the skin, producing Eczema, Acne, Tetter, Psoriasis, Salt Rheum and skin eruptions of various kinds. Eczema appears, usually with a slight redness of the skin followed by pustules from which there flows a sticky fluid that dries and forms a crust, and the itching is intense. It is generally on the back, breast, face, arms and legs, though other parts of the body may be affected. In Tetter the skin dries, cracks and bleeds; the acid in the blood dries up the natural oils of the skin, which are intended to keep it soft and pliant, causing a dry, feverish condition and giving it a hard, leathery appearance. Acne makes its appearance on the face in the form of pimples and black heads, while Psoriasis comes in scaly patches on different parts of the body. One of the worst forms of skin trouble is Salt Rheum; its favorite point of attack is the scalp, sometimes causing baldness. Poison Oak and Ivy are also disagreeable types of skin disease. The humor producing the trouble lies dormant in the blood through the Winter to break out and torment the sufferer with the return of Spring. The best treatment for all skin diseases is S. S. S. It neutralizes the acids and removes the humors so that the skin instead of being irritated and diseased, is nourished by a supply of fresh, healthy blood. External applications of salves, washes, lotions, etc., while they soothe the itching caused by skin affections, can never cure the trouble because they do not reach the blood. S. S. S. goes down into the circulation and forces out every particle of foreign matter and restores the blood to its normal, pure condition, thereby permanently curing every form of skin affection. Book on Skin Diseases and any medical advice desired sent free to all who write. S. S. S. is for sale at all first class drug stores.

I suffered with Eczema for forty years and could find nothing to cure me until I tried S. S. S. I suffered intensely with the itching and burning; pustules would form from which there flowed a sticky fluid; crusts would come on the skin and when scratched off the skin was left as raw as a piece of beef. I suffered agony in the long years I was afflicted, but when I used S. S. S. I found a perfect cure. There has never been any return of the trouble.

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Defining the Situation.

Henry B. Stanford, for several years with Sir Henry Irving's company, tells this good story of the famous actor: "Sir Henry's wit was of an almost Voltairian character. Once, while I was rehearsing 'Faust' with him at the Lyceum Theater, in London—we were doing the Brockin scene and he had occasion to reprove an army of exuberant supers—he stopped the rehearsal and all was silence. Then, in that quiet, grim way of his, he said: 'Very charming—but you must remember that you are in hell—not picnicking on Hampstead heath.'"—Rochester Herald.

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IRWINDALE.

Mr. Loofboro of Riverside is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Brown this week.

Mr. and Mr. Irving Vincent and children of Huntington Beach are visiting relatives in Irwindale this week.

Mrs. Robert Edgar is spending the Christmas holidays with her brother in Coulterville.

The Misses Vio and Anna Reynolds have been spending the week with friends in Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. DeForest Reichard of Hollywood were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Reichard in Irwindale Sunday.

Mrs. McDonald and daughter Miss Mary of Indio were guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Coltrin.

Miss Bess Brown of Los Angeles attended the installation of the Eastern Star on Tuesday evening and was the guest of Miss Edna Coltrin of Irwindale.

To Disincorporate.

Hello Central! Argus please? Hello Argus. There is a petition in existence to disincorporate the City of Covina. I think that is a move in the right direction although it looks bad to take a step backwards. We ought to feel proud of our little city, but what have we got to feel proud of unless it is for the privilege of being held up for licenses in business taxes and for road work that we don't get. Our streets are full of chuck holes and the culverts they are putting in to have people fall into could be left out without hurting any body. As for blind pigs, if there are any they have good eyes. There is no law or ordinance under the present regime to compel the corporations holding franchises in our city to furnish water, gas or electric lights to anyone and what is the use of living inside of an incorporated district and paying a city tax to defray such expenses as naturally incur without one can enjoy some of the benefits that others enjoy. What have we done as a city or what have we accomplished other than we could have done without being incorporated? It is only about four months until we have an election and unless we can do something more than we have been doing and show its best to exist as a city, if the petition is not put through now, it surely will be an issue.

Sore Mike.

Lordsburg 1, Covina 0.

The game between the Covina High School and Lordsburg College was called at 2:30 p.m. on the college grounds.

It was the second game played between the two teams and both were evenly matched and played excellent ball throughout the game. In the first inning the Covina boys filled the bases but did not succeed in scoring a run. In the rest of the innings except the ninth there was not a man passed second base on either team.

The game was played very rapidly and ended with a score of 1 to 0 in favor of the college. Reed, who has only pitched a few games, is doing well and is developing more speed with the large curve he already had. He throws a ball with as much accuracy as the college pitcher who is an experienced man in the box. About forty Covina rooters were present and no one felt sorry over the results of the game. The line-up of the high school included King, Reed, Taylor, Sigstad, Fairly, Coltrin, Crouse, Fisher and Finch.

We will pay 3c apiece for second-hand sacks in good condition.
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Farmers Meet.

The Covina Valley Farmers' Club met at the residence of Mr. W. P. Watts last Saturday.

Committee on booklets reported progress.

The committee on horticultural inspector reported.

A communication addressed to the Los Angeles delegation to the legislature was read and a committee of two, consisting of W. P. Watts and N. D. Mussey, was appointed to call on Mr. Cogswell and present it to him.

Mr. Arthur Powell of Azusa gave a talk on "Latest Methods of Fumigation."

Mrs. Joseph Heath and Miss Marion Given gave very interesting readings.

After light refreshments the club adjourned to meet at the residence of Mr. B. M. Given on Saturday, Jan. 19, 1907.

Searchlight Looks Good to Him.

F. D. Howell, Jr., returned the first of the week from an extended trip to the Searchlight mining district in Nevada, where he was looking after his extensive mining interests.

Two years ago Mr. Howell, A. M. Jones of Los Angeles, and three other gentlemen purchased a group of six mining claims in that district and proceeded to develop them. It was a close corporation, no extra stock issued and no interest offered for sale. They put up the necessary cash, put in machinery and by work proved the value of their purchase. During this trip Mr. Howell's associates decided that now that the richness of the property had been demonstrated, they would issue stock and thoroughly develop their holdings. It is the boast of Searchlight mining people that "it is a district without a failure," and Mr. Howell confidently believes that the properties of the Gold Coin Mining Company will prove one of the richest in the district—Monrovia News.

Born on Sunday, Dec. 16, to Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Ardaiz, a son.

Wanted — Chickens. Hotel Vendome.

Mrs. W. W. Shrader, Jr., of Los Angeles is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Seward.

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Rev. and Mrs. E. J. Bulgin of Long Beach were guests on Thursday of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Carnahan of Azusa avenue.

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The Foresters will give a big Spanish barbecue at Long Beach, Dec. 31, free to everybody. Program during day and grand ball in the evening.

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J. K. Stroshider was the purchaser of the Mrs. Maddox 20 acre grove on Citrus avenue instead of Mr. Fry as was announced in last week's Argus. Mr. Stroshider secured a bargain and he will undoubtedly double his money in three years.

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CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

Appropriate Exercises, Musical and Literary, In all the Churches.

Christmas is to be merrily observed by all the churches in town. The various Sunday Schools are to have a big Christmas tree on the eve before Christmas, when Santa Claus will see that every good little boy and girl that goes to Sunday school gets a present on the tree and perhaps there will be something too for grown up folks.

The Xmas Tree Festival of the Church of the Holy Trinity will be held on Monday night at 7:30 in the vacant Coleman store on Citrus avenue, north of the hotel. A program will be rendered and the distribution of gifts from the tree by a real live Santa Claus.

On Monday evening the children of the Methodist Sunday School will hold their Xmas tree and exercises in the church on College street. The children have arranged an excellent program of songs and recitations.

A genuine Santa Claus will be at the Xmas tree in the Baptist church on Monday evening laden with all the pretty gifts for the good children attending the Sunday School. A program will be rendered during the evening.

At the Christian church preparations are making for a tree for the little folks of the Sunday School to which the parents and friends are invited. A program will be rendered.

The Presbyterian Sunday School will render an interesting program closing with distribution of gifts from the old time Xmas tree on Monday evening. A special message from Santa Claus announces that he will be present and will bring Mrs. Santa Claus with him. All are cordially invited to join with them.

Eastern Star Install.

The ladies of the Eastern Star entertained the Masons and their friends last Tuesday with a delightful social evening. The first part of the evening was devoted to an excellent musical program, consisting of a piano solo by Miss Meta Brunjes, a recitation by Mr. Crawford, which was amusing and very much enjoyed, and a vocal duet by Mrs. Harris and Miss Gertrude Hulce. After the program the following officers were installed by the installing officer, being the Worthy Grand Matron of the State, Mrs. Anna Dreher Dudderar: Patron, Mr. Dudderar; worthy matron, Mrs. Clara Menefee; associate matron, Mrs. Cecelia Coolman; conductress, Mrs. Ava Griswold: associate conductress, Miss Pearl Hulce; secretary, Miss Nellie Chase; treasurer, Mrs. Hulce; Star Points: Ada Miss Phoebe Brown; Ruth, Miss Edna Coltrin; Esther, Mrs. Scofield; Martha, Mrs. Weeks; Electria, Mrs. Coltrin, chaplain, Mrs. Crawford; marshal, Mrs. Harris; organist, Miss Meta Brunjes; warden, Mrs. White; sentinel, Mr. Menefee.

After the installation refreshments were served by the ladies of the lodge and the remainder of the evening was devoted to a good social time.

Christmas Dinner.

Parties desiring dinner at Hotel Vendome on Christmas day are requested to inform the management not later than Monday next. Special chicken dinner will be served at 50 cents a plate. The public are requested by the management to remember that the dining room closes promptly every day at 1:30 p.m.

Mrs. Merton Griswold, wife of the cashier of the First National Bank, is now fully recovered from an attack of ptomaine poison. The attack was due to eating a tamale at a social function given by Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Atwood. None of the other guests were affected.

Miss Yaw Makes "Hit" in Boston.

Boston, Dec. 18—Miss Ellen Beach Yaw, the "California nightingale," scored a big success here last night and today in her opening concert with the Royal Welsh choir of the Boston Lyceum course. The soprano received a quality of commendation seldom given in popular entertainment and was compelled to respond to more than a quantity of encores.

Her range is wonderful, and all that has been claimed for it, while she displayed masterly technique and voice control.—Los Angeles Times.

New Enterprise.

Covina is to have a want filled that has long been felt among local contractors, a planing mill and jobbery. J. C. Nale of Los Angeles, a thoroughly experienced man, has leased for that purpose the large work shop at the rear of the Corbett blacksmith shop on W. Badillo street. He will install a complete outfit of new machinery, including planer and lathe, and will be prepared to do all kinds of general mill and cabinet work, etc. He expects to be in operation by Jan. 1. Mr. Nale is a thoroughly competent man and will make Covina a splendid citizen.

Church News

Services in the Church of the Holy Trinity on Christmas Day: Holy communion, 7:30 a.m. High Celebration and sermon 10 a.m. Special hymns and anthems by the choir suitable to the Festival.

At the Methodist church the pastor Rev. H. W. White will preach both morning and evening. In the morning there will be a Christmas sermon. In the evening the topic is, "Why I am a Methodist?" Sunday School at 9:45. Epworth League at 6:30. Everyone invited.

Worship at the Baptist church: Bible School at 9:15 a.m. Preaching at 11 a.m. by Rev. M. H. Perry. The ordinance of baptism administered after the morning service. B.Y.P.M. at 6:45 p.m. Preaching at 7:30 p.m. by the pastor. Theme, "Christ's Message Amidst Discouragements."

Services in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Fourth Sunday in Advent. Holy Communion, 7:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning prayer 11 o'clock. Subject, "The Vine and It Branches." Evensong 7:30 p.m., subject, 'Introductory to Study of the Bible. Offertory anthem by the choir.

Christian church: W. G. Conley, pastor. Sunday school 9:45. Morning service 11 o'clock. Subject of sermon, 'Falling Away From Christ.' Junior Endeavor 3 o'clock and Senior Endeavor 6:30. Evening service 7:30. Subject of sermon, "What Shall I Do With Jesus?" The ordinance of baptism will be administered. All are cordially invited as the day will be of more than ordinary interest.

Presbyterian services: Sunday, Dec. 3. Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Preaching 11 a.m. Subject, "The Worlds Great Need of a Savior." Y. P.S.C.E. 6:30 p.m. Gospel services 7:30 p.m. Subject, "The Worlds Great Need Supplied—the Savior Born." Any wishing to unite with the church may do so either by letter or on confession of their faith in Christ. All strangers and friends are cordially invited to these services.

The Y P.S C.E. of the Presbyterian church met at the home of S. J. Walton Monday evening and elected the following officers and committees for the next six months: S. J. Walton, Pres.; Mrs. James Crouch, Vice-Pres.; C. E. Blanchard, Sec.; F. J. Chaver, Treas. A full list of the committees will be published next week.

ORANGES ARE RIPENING FAST

Shipments General With Good Demand and Fair Prices.

Manager King of the Covina Fruit Exchange, when seen in reference to the orange market, said that general conditions are favorable for satisfactory prices throughout the season.

Locally the shipments are now on in earnest. The Covina Orange Growers Association started packing on Thursday and will continue throughout the season. They will move five cars this week. The Covina High Land Citrus Union started picking Wednesday and are ready for packing today.

The Florida crop is being moved rapidly at the rate of 150 cars a day and it is estimated that 75 per cent has already been moved of the total crop. The first estimates of the season largely overestimated the crop.

The California crop is estimated at 22,000 cars, 1500 less than last year. However the shipments up to the present time are 1500 cars short of last year so from this time forth the Eastern market will have to take the same quantity as last year.

Harness Shop Sold.

J. H. Frey sold his harness shop on Monday to Joseph Pankiewicz and son, J. H. Mapelowe of Los Angeles.

In a circular soliciting the patronage of the citizens of Covina these gentlemen say: "We solicit your patronage, and we are confident that if you place your trade with us you will not be disappointed, as it is our aim to satisfy our customers. Owning property in Covina, we shall do everything possible to assist in upbuilding this wonderful city."

They will handle a full line of harness, saddlery, carriages, farming implements, etc. The new firm will be known as the Covina Harness and Saddlery Co.

Mr. Frey has sold out to engage in farming, having extensive horticultural and agricultural interests near Artesia.

Palace of Sweets.

The Palace of Sweets is becoming more popular every day, and now that the ladies are busy shopping it is a treat to have a cosy place to stop and rest for a few minutes, and at the same time enjoy all the good things that the "Palace" offers them. The store has been most artistically decorated in all the brightness and beauty that the season of Christmas tide suggests. There is a Christmas tree in one of the big windows that is attracting every little child that passes and not a few of the grown up people, who are sure to stop and take just a look within, where the freshly made candies allures the purchaser. Messrs. Evans and Roth make a specialty of serving dainty lunches and suppers, a fad which is becoming so popular here. An invitation is extended to the public to attend their opening on Monday.

Postoffice Hours.

For the convenience of the public the postoffice will be opened tomorrow, Sunday, from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 2 p. m. to 7 p. m. Christmas Day 7 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. to 7:30p.m.
J. L. MATTHEWS, Postmaster.

Heavy Realty Deal.

Col. F. M. Chapman of this place, who is counted among Los Angeles' heaviest real estate operators, purchased this week through the agency of Andrew McAllen, also of Covina, 160 acres on the Redondo electric railroad, close to Lawndale. Price $40,000. Col. Chapman will subdivide the property.

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How wud yu liz tu be the tiperiter gurl?

No, gentle reader, the present Duke of Marlborough is not the original Blenheim pup.

The men who have organized a rhinoceros trust will at least never be accused of being thin-skinned.

"Are there men as brave to-day as were the Spartans?" asks an essayist. Certainly; there are baseball umpires.

When a married man has occasion to talk in his sleep he always says things that his wife is unable to understand.

Thomas W. Lawson is going to write a novel. It is the only way in which he can bring about the adequate punishment of the villain.

The men who claim to be able to fly when they want to should not overlook a solution of the problem of how to light when they want to.

The English language has endured for a good many years, and, despite the efforts of reformers, may be expected to be good for a spell longer.

No doubt, when he has time to think of it, President Roosevelt will order the names of the naval vessels, navy yards and forts to be simplifiedly spelled.

A Wilkesbarre (Pa.) cat that died the other day had a half interest in a fortune of $40,000. The heirs will have to wait, however, until it dies eight times more.

An antiquary has just discovered that William Cullen Bryant once wrote a poem extolling the mosquito as "that fair insect." Evidently, William never wore peekaboo vests.

Mr. Rockefeller has been assured by a theosophist that he will wear a crown. But Mr. Rockefeller is not credulous enough to stand before a mirror trying to imagine how he would look in a crown.

When a man goes to the penitentiary to serve out an "indeterminate" sentence on sixteen charges of burglary and is released at the end of a year, is it any wonder he resumes the practice of his profession?

Two divers descended to a depth of two hundred and ten feet in a Scotch lake the other day. This is said to be the greatest depth to which divers ever descended in the British Isles. It is farther than most people would care to go beneath the surface of the water.

It is Spanish gossip that when Princess, afterward Queen, Victoria complained to her uncle, King Edward, that some ladies of the court in Madrid objected because she proposed to entertain English friends who were not of the royal family, her uncle advised her to "be a sensible girl," and said, "Do not make enemies. Respect people's stupidities when necessary. In time, if you are wise, you will have everything your own way." Whether the King ever said this or not, it is pretty good advice for every one.

The man with the figures tells us that in fifty years this country will have 200,000,000 population, and he wants to know what will happen. As we will not be here we are determined not to worry about it. Our ancestors not only killed but ate each other. Possibly in the remote future the old custom will become fashionable. We recall that in early life we met up with one or two people we thought plenty sweet enough to eat. The fact that this hereditary appetite now lies dormant is no sign that it will not break out again at some future time and become quite popular.

If any man wishes to immortalize himself let him invent some way to punish wife desertion. This crime has increased in Chicago 100 per cent in three years and Cook County, Illinois, is now supporting 1,000 deserted families. To bring the faithless husbands back, prosecute and punish them would cost just as much as it does to support their families, and it is impossible to prove desertion after they are brought back. They all pretend to have gone off to get employment and to have been unfortunate, and to rebut their stories would cost another pile of money. What is needed is some genius who will invent some cheap way to punish cheap husbands.

In reply to the oft-repeated assertion that no girl should begin teaching unless she is to make it a lifelong profession it is sufficient to say that no young woman, however fancy free she may be, is able to say with certainty that she will continue so. However great may be her devotion to the general cause of learning at a given time, before the moon waxes again that broad affection may be particularized and focused upon one weak and unworthy member of the human tribe, and this is a phenomenon against which no human power has yet been found to avail. The best school teacher is the girl who has most of the domestic instinct and is most likely to leave the pedagogic calling and find her natural and proper place as the arbiter of her own home. It is pleasant to find theory agreeing with good sense, and the test of good sense is its agreement with the fixed and universal laws of mother nature. The idea that the woman school teacher is an emotionless species of humanity is just about as senseless as it is ungallant.

There are many indications that the common notion of the farmer must be entirely abandoned. The long whiskered individual who says "by heck," has hayseed in his hair, is interested in gold bricks, and is ready to consider favorable propositions for the transfer of title in the Masonic Temple in Chicago, is a passing type. The last few years have revolutionized life on the farm. No one can estimate how much has been accomplished by the rural free delivery system in changing the situation, but it is the common thing now for the farmer to receive his daily paper and to spend the evening looking over the news as brought to him by the metropolitan sheet from the city perhaps half a thousand miles away. The almanac which once hung in the kitchen, supplementing the Bible and completing the home library, now has to share with the standard magazines, the daily and weekly papers, and the books received from the traveling libraries sent out in several States. The better information makes the farmer less a stranger to the activities of the day. The trolley car possibly passes close by his house. The telephone connects him with his neighbor and with the stores of the village to which he used to resort for news and for supplies. The improved machinery has steadily reduced the toilsomeness of his task. All these forces combined have worked toward his transformation. The farmer of yesterday is not the farmer of to-day. There has always been recognition of the importance of the farming class in the prosperity of the country. The abundant crops and contentment of the rural class have been associated with the health and happiness of the nation. But there has always been, too, a tendency to depreciate the farmer as an individual, and to make him the butt of ridicule. This condition has greatly changed because of the reasons already indicated. When farmers meet in national congress and discuss such live questions as those of postal savings banks, the election of postmasters, the adoption of the parcels post system, the relief of farm labor scarcity by immigration, centralization of schools, centralization of farms, business methods in farming, it is evident that they are alert. Their minds have been prepared for such discussions by wide reading and intelligent thought, and they are ready to reach conclusions of value. The city man reads his daily paper hastily. He learns to form judgments quickly. He trains himself to reach decisions sometimes without that careful reading and thoughtful study which the man of leisure gives to a subject. It is by no means certain, however, that his judgments and decisions necessarily are better than those of the farmer, who reads with more deliberation and thinks more slowly because his life is less affected by the noise and rush. The modern farmer is worth appreciation. He is anything but the being of caricature.

CONSUMPTION OF LIQUOR.

Norway Is the Least Intemperate of All the Nations.

Americans are only moderate drinkers compared with those of other countries. The average citizen of the United States, counting in the women and children (which is not fair, but serves for the moment as a basis to figure upon), consumes in the course of a year liquors which contain one and a third gallons of pure alcohol. But the Frenchman, who, though formerly one of the soberest, has become the worst drunkard in the world, absorbs annually three and a half gallons of alcohol. The Belgian and the Swiss come next, with a consumption of two and four-fifths gallons. Then follow the Spaniard with two and a third gallons, the Italian with just a trifle less, the Englishman and German with two and a tenth, and the Austro-Hungarian with about one and three-quarters gallons.

On the other hand, the American citizen by no means stands at the top of the list in respect to sobriety. The Swede drinks only one and a sixth gallons of pure alcohol in a year; the Hollander drops considerably below him, with one gallon even; the relatively virtuous Russian, notwithstanding his much advertised addiction to vodka, absorbs only a trifle more than six-tenths of a gallon, and, finally, the Norwegian, who occupies a proud eminence as the most abstemious man in the world, barely exceeds a modest half gallon of the stuff in a twelvemonth's potations. It might be added for the sake of definiteness that the average person in the United States annually drinks one and a third gallons of proof spirits (which are 50 per cent alcohol), one-third of a gallon of wine and sixteen and a quarter gallons of malt liquors, chiefly beer.—Pearson's Magazine.

Just Too Lovely.

Kidder—The best illustrated paper I've seen in a long while was handed me to-day.

Jenks—What was it?

Kidder—A $50 note.—Philadelphia Ledger.

When a girl is called to the telephone she answers as if expecting an invitation, but when the mother is called she wonders in taking down the receiver what company is coming now.

When a man has the hot foot it is mighty easy for him to find an excuse to move.

TO THE SUNSHINE.

I been so long a-waitin' on de time en on de tide,
I better ketch de freight train ter reach de yuther side;
Fer der time'll never heed me, en de river mighty wide,
En I got ter meet de sunshine in de mawnin'!

I ben so long a-waitin' fer de good times up de road,
I better start en meet 'um—so I liftin' up my load;
En I'll reach de Lau' er Promise des de bes' you ever knowed
I got ter meet de sunshine in de mawnin'!

Oh, dey ain't no use ter tarry in de shadder-lan' ter wait,
Fer de harricane 'll ketch you, en de night is gittin' late;
I wants ter hear de latch clink on de hallelula gate—
I wants ter meet de sunshine in de mawnin'!

—Frank L. Stanton.

The Inheritance of His Fathers.

TWO boys they were—one lowly and poor, one aristocratic and rich!

And they were both the only children of their parents.

Likewise they would each in time come into the inheritance of their fathers.

The vicar, old and gray-haired, preached a sermon one day upon this self-same subject—the inheritance of their fathers—and tried to impress his congregation with the seriousness and importance of such a succession. He pictured to them the rich inheritance of an earthly father, who had laid by, and saved up, that his son might one day come into the possession of an inheritance worthy of his name and sire; he drew the other picture—that of a man, a wine-bibber and a glutton, spending his days in the pursuit of evil, and laying up for his children and his children's children an inheritance of sin and sorrow and suffering!

The words fell on the ready ears of a farmer, who was none too well off, and had some difficulty in making both ends meet. He silently registered a vow that the chubby-faced boy lying in his cradle in the tiled farmhouse kitchen should never have occasion to blush for the inheritance of his fathers.

The opposite side of the aisle, in his family pew, the squire of the parish sat quietly dozing through the old clergyman's discourse. What good could it possibly do to keep him awake while the vicar lectured on morals to the tenants and poorer brethren? They had need of such sermons, perhaps;

ONE POOR AND ONE RICH.

but he, with his broad acres, his well-filled purse, and his unsullied name, he had no need of advice from any one.

In a satin-trimmed cot, in a nursery fit for a lord, lay his delicate baby son. What a fair heritage would one day be his! He could not help himself, the little fellow; his father had money and lands to leave him, which had no equal anywhere else in the country.

The inheritance of his fathers! Of course Gilbert would inherit every stick and stone, every farthing.

The responsibility of his wealth never troubled the squire. He subscribed to the various parochial charities with many a grumble; he paid the old vicar something over his stipend every Christmas, to save the souls of every one but himself! Did he not nobly fulfill his responsibilities?

So the sermon that hot May morning fell on his unheeding ears, and he wished young Farmer Blatherley a condescending "good-day" as he almost rubbed shoulders with him on his way to his carriage, all unconscious of the fact that the inheritance of the poor man's son was likely to be a much richer one than that of his own son!

John Blatherley picked up his laughing young son when he reached the spotlessly clean kitchen, glad to get out of the glare of the noonday sun. And he pressed his lips to the soft cheek and renewed the vow he had made a little earlier in the day.

Meanwhile Gilbert Dayle drove back to his ancestral home in his luxuriously appointed carriage, with its pair of prancing bays.

His small son, an infant edition of himself, was playing with his nurse on the soft green grass near the study window, a soft, thin, white-cheeked boy of two.

What had been the inheritance of his fathers, so far? It was written on the baby face in indelible lines!

"Take Master Gilbert away, nurse," he commanded in harsh tones. "I shall be very busy this afternoon, and shall not have time to see him at all, to-day. Keep him in the nursery, please!"

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Left to the care of his nurses while his father spent his time in riotous living, gambling and drinking with his friends, falsely so called, the squire's only son grew to boyhood, a puny, delicate thing, crippled from a fall sustained while out with his nurse, but which the woman managed to conceal from the father, until time had revealed it to him, and at fourteen, in consequence, barely able to walk without the aid of a crutch.

The inheritance of his fathers!

Farmer Blatherley often remembered the words as he looked on the invalid son of his richer neighbor and landlord, and compared him with his own motherless, strong, healthy, handsome lad. Jack Blatherley was all that the fondest parent could desire—happy, healthy, honest and open as the day; laughter-loving, painstaking, a typical specimen of young England at its best. He had a mind for book-learning, which had been his father's before him, and knew almost as much, from private lessons taken with the old vicar as Gilbert Dayle himself up at the great big house on the hilltop, where the best of tutors tried to impart wisdom and the love of books to the crippled lad!

Curiously enough, the two boys, so different in station, character and health, were the greatest of friends. The squire, playing cards, and drinking heavily day in and day out, hardly knew it, or if he did, he took no notice; and the friendship between the two lads was cemented and added to daily, as the strong, healthy, young embryo farmer helped the delicate scion of blue-blooded aristocracy over the heather-clad moors, where the golden gorse waved its yellow blooms seaward and scented the soft air with its strong perfume.

Both the boys were fond of the sea; in storm or in calm they loved to gaze at its ever-changing surface, rippling in the sunshine or foaming under a leaden sky.

One hot afternoon in June the two boys climbed the steep ascent which led to their favorite seat on the heather overlooking the bright blue bay, Gilbert, half-carried by his strong young friend, expostulating to no purpose. It was holiday time for them, the tutors had gone away; Gilbert was thrown on his own beam-ends, his father having no use and no desire for the company of his crippled son.

"It's funny," Jack cried, as he flung himself face downwards on the soft purple heather. 'You can do as you like—you are rich, Gilbert, but I—father says I must be a farmer—and I want to write, to be an author!"

Gilbert opened his large, sad eyes. "Be an author and write books?" he echoed in an awe-struck voice; "how clever you are, Jack!"

"It's no good to be," returned the lad a little bitterly. "The dad's made up his mind that I must carry on the farm—we have no money to waste, you see, and so it's no use for me to think of being anything else!"

The two boys were silent for a moment; from a distant cliff a seagull flew out, with its melancholy cry.

"Could I—give you the money, do you think?" asked the cripple at last. "I have some saved saved up in my money box, and I shall never be good for anything, you know. Let me give you enough to help you - write books——"

"But then there'd be the farm!" Jack's straight brows were puckered.

"Couldn't your father get some one else to help him?" Gilbert's face brightened as the idea came to him.

Jack shook his bright head.

"Dad says it is the—inheritance of my fathers—that, and my health and strength—oh——"

He bit his lips suddenly, as he realized that he was speaking to one with a very different inheritance.

"It's no use, it'll come in time—the liking for the life, I suppose," he went on philosophically. "Hulloa! The squire——"

He broke off hurriedly, for across the glorious heather, in God's glorious sunshine, came a creature that was fit for neither man nor beast—Squire Dayle, his eyes dazed, his lips twitching nervously, his gait faulty—drunk at twelve in the morning!

He came uncertainly towards the two boys—Gilbert, his face, white with fear; young Jack Blatherley, upright as a rock, with his open countenance turned fearlessly toward him, and his broad shoulders squared towards the sea.

"Hulloa!" muttered the man with an oath, looking at his son. "What! Are you frightened of your own father? What have I done that I snould call such a coward—son? Stand up, stand up, and don't look scared into the middle of next week. Do you hear?"

In a moment it had happened. The father, infuriated at the sight of his cowering son—intoxicated with drink, beyond the controlling of his passions—hit out with all his might, and Jack was conscious that some dark object whizzed past him over the edge of the cliff!

The next minute he had recovered himself. With a cry, he, too, slipped over the edge, in time to catch the falling boy as he landed on a small tuft of grass.

Jack held on with all his might—his hands were strong and big for his age; his boyish lips were set in a determined line as he shouted for help at the top of his might, half expecting every minute to see the drunken man tumbling over cliff on top of them. But no; no one came in answer to his cries, and for an hour, in the burning sun, he held the other boy up, a dead weight in his arms. But the slender gorse bush was unequal to the strain put upon it; the weight of the two boys was more than it could bear. Jack realized this; his companion was much too frightened to think of anything except tears!

He looked at the beach below—the cruel shingles—the awful drop before they could be reached. Could one drop fifty feet and reach the ground in safety? He knew that it was impossible.

And yet—the gorse bush could hold one boy's weight. Gilbert was nothing; and there was a little ledge for him to rest on, sufficient for one, but not for two.

He must drop—the bush was giving every minute—Gilbert would be safe.

He raised his bright eyes to the pitiless skies, and then lowered them; in the distance, very far off, he saw men running.

"Help! Help!"

With one mighty effort he raised his voice and shouted, and then as the memory of his dad's words, "the inheritance of his fathers," came over him, his eyes filled with tears. He would not inherit—but another would! The dad would get some one else; his duty lay—elsewhere.

"Good-by, Gilbert," he said, quietly. "You stay here on this little ledge; keep hold of this bush, and never turn your eyes back. They are coming to save us—they are quite close now; whatever you do, hang on and never forget me——"

Gilbert was too frightened to take in the meaning of Jack's farewell; he only heard the tones die away in the distance.

And Jack, breathing the one great prayer which, whether they will or no, rises to the lips of most men and women at some time of their life, "Our Father which art in heaven," loosed his hold of the fragile branch, and slipped—away—down—down—into utter darkness.

Ten minutes later strong hands pulled Gilbert up on to the heather above. Farmer Blatherley sought the side of the cliff with anxious eyes.

"Jack!" he called; and only the seagulls answered. "Jack!" they echoed with mournful insistence.

Leaving Gilbert in the care of other hands, the young farmer made for a gully near at hand, down which he ran to the beach.

He had not far to seek. A merciful hawthorn had broken his lad's fall; and he lay, white and still in its thorny embrace, his bright eyes turned to the turquoise sky.

Jack Blatherley had come into the inheritance of his fathers.—Philadelphia Evening Telegram.

"Having Fun" with Rover.

One bright summer day, when Lake Michigan was almost as smooth as a mill-pond, two boys were taking a row in a small boat near Jackson Park, Chicago. Their faithful house-dog, old "Rover," ran along the shore, barking at them and begging, in the best language at his command, to be taken on board.

"Let's have some fun with him," said one of the boys. "We'll row close to the bank and call him out, and give him a good swim."

They backed the boat to within a distance of fifteen or twenty feet from the shore and called to the dog:

"Come, Rover! Get aboard!"

Rover dashed out into the water. When he was within a few feet of them they began rowing away from him, but encouraged him to come on. Keeping just ahead of him, they lured him out into the lake a distance of a hundred yards or more. Then the old dog, feeling his strength failing, and apparently convinced that his young masters were making game of him, turned and made feebly for shore.

Then, for the first time, the boys realized what they were doing. As quickly as possible they turned the boat round and rowed after the dog whose strokes were growing feebler every moment.

"Here, Rover!" they called out. "Good old doggy! Come back! We'll help you in!"

Old Rover tried to obey, but even as he made the effort the last remnant of his strength failed him, and he sank before their eyes when almost within an arm's length of the boat.

The appealing yet loving look in the old dog's faithful eyes as the water closed over his head will haunt those boys to their dying day.—Youth's Companion.

Choosing a Safe Escort.

Mrs. Chatterly—Oh, Mr. Crumpet, you'll take me down to supper, won't you?

Crumpet—Delighted! But may I ask why this honor falls to me?

Mrs. Chatterly—Oh, you're the only man my husband isn't likely to be jealous of.—Scraps.

The doctor can't always cure you; sometimes it's your mean disposition.

QUEER STORIES

Reindeer are more numerous in Norway than horses.

The only venomous bird known is the "death bird" of New Guinea. The bite of this bird is said to cause intense pain in all parts of the body, loss of sight, convulsions and finally death.

If one were asked to name the most patient man on earth, the reply would probably be—Paul Cinquevalli. The famous feat of throwing up a hen's egg and catching it on a plate without breaking it necessitated nine years of consistent practice.

There is a curious old law in Japan, still in effect, that when the Emperor or Empress appears in public no private person must occupy a higher place than the members of the royal family. On such occasions, therefore, it is the custom to close the shutters of all the upper stories of the houses past which the royal party goes.

An unusual story comes from Central Africa about lions raiding a village. Twenty of the great cats rushed into Chorumo one night and killed and ate eleven men. The rest of the inhabitants took to their boats and left the town in the possession of the lions, which roamed about the streets all night and then disappeared.

Paris is to have a school for cabmen. The Anti-Cruelty Society and the Cab Owners' Association have decided on a plan for elevating the Jehu's calling. There is to be a period of instruction and probation. The youth who aspires to be a "whip" will receive elementary instruction in the anatomy and pathology of the horse, in harnessing, feeding, driving and in police regulations. With so much lore, Jehu should lose the attribute that has won him Biblical fame.

Miss Georgia A. Burns of Oklahoma is the youngest woman ranch owner in this country. She is owner and manager of eleven thousand acres, comprising the Arrow Heart cattle ranch, and she recently leased for ninety-nine years one hundred thousand acres of oil and mineral lands in the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations. Miss Burns not only manages her ranch with ability, but spends much of her time in the saddle, and can shoot and rope cattle with as great dexterity and skill as any of the thirty cowboys regularly in her employ.

When one is sick in Holland, says Good Housekeeping, instead of subjecting the family to calls and telephone inquiries, visitors read a bulletin which is prepared every day and hung by the doorbell. When it is a "stork" case beside the bulletin announcing mother and baby's health is hung a red pin cushion if the new arrival is a boy; when a little girl is the welcome guest the cushion is a white one. These pin cushions are handed down from generation to generation, and in wealthy households are made from bits of priceless lace and rare embroideries.

Among the many interesting discoveries of Dr. Sven Hedin in Central Asia is a singular oscillation in the position of the Lake of Karakoshun, or Lob Nor. This lake seems as restless as some rivers that change their beds, but the cause of its movements is a continuous change in the level of the desert in the midst of which it lies, bordered by vegetation. At present the lake is retreating northward, and creeping toward its ancient bed, where it is known to have lain in the third century of the Christian era; and as it slowly moves the vegetation, animals and the fishermen, with their reed huts, follow its shore northward. Dr. Hedin believes that after reaching the northern part of the desert the lake returns southward, the complete period of oscillation being one thousand years or more.

Patriotic, Perhaps, but Futile.

"A Patriotic American" through the column of letters from Herald readers this morning argues that it should not be necessary to write "D. C." after the name of our capital, Washington.

He points out that no one finds it necessary to describe the location of London or Paris by affixing the county or department, and after narrating an experience with capable operators abroad concludes that it would be more simple and dignified to be able to wire from any part of the world to "Washington, America."

Our correspondent fails to explain how he would induce surrender of the name of the big State of Washington, the half dozen cities of Washington and the various towns, counties and townships, numbering more than two hundred in all parts of the Union, proudly named for the Father of His Country. One "London" and one "Paris" will do well enough for little places like England and France, but when it comes to Washington in this mighty continent of ours—no, we guess "D. C." will have to stay.—New York Herald.

Not to Be Beaten.

"The station at Savannah," says a traveler through the South, "is surrounded in all directions with a lot of saloons and cheap restaurants. In great illuminated letters over one of these saloons was the sign:

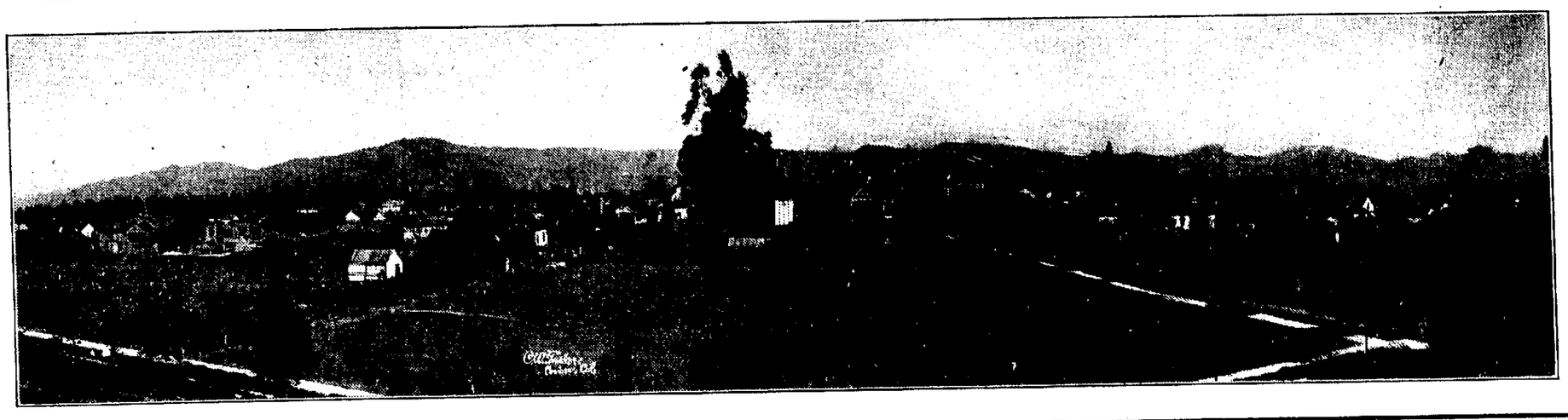
"'Open all night.'

"Next to it was a restaurant bearing with equal prominence the legend, 'We never close.'

"Third in order was a Chinese laundry in a litle tumbledown hovel, and upon the front of this building was the sign in great scrawling letters: 'Me wakee, too.'"

The trouble with the man who brags is that he has nothing to brag on.

COVINA--A City Among the Orange Groves



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GREAT PROBLEMS OF THE DAY.

By Joseph G. Cannon.

JOS. G. CANNON.

Attention recently has been riveted upon abuses in the transportation of the products of our farms, mines and factories. In spite of all that has been said, it is true that they are transported at half or less than half the charge demanded by carriers elsewhere in the world.

Perhaps the most serious complaints grow out of preferential freight rates allowed by the transportation companies to certain favored shippers, not because the companies desired to give them, but because great shippers demanded such concessions as a condition precedent to their patronage, and went elsewhere if their demands were refused. In my judgment most, if not all, the ills complained of and which we are seeking to remedy had their initiative in the practice of allowing discriminations in favor of certain shippers.

All policies, and I may say all legislation as well, that makes fish of one and fowl of another are un-American and destructive.

But the people of the United States, competent for self-government and never so competent as now, have always met with courage problems as they arise, and, guided by wisdom, patience and patriotism, have solved them. The problems confronting us to-day are by no means the most trying and difficult ones ever presented to the American people for solution. The achievement of our independence, the formation of the constitution, the abolition of servile labor, the preservation of the Union, the keeping of the public faith have all involved questions more difficult of solution than those we face to-day.

IMPROVE QUALITY OF IMMIGRANTS.

By John Mitchell.

JOHN MITCHELL.

Immigration should be restricted for the protection of American labor as it is to-day. The men who are now employed in our mines and factories should be safeguarded against the new arrivals who are willing to step into their places for lower wages. This seems to me one of the important reasons for a reform in this branch of our national policy.

I believe that the educational qualification for the admission of the immigrant should be raised. He should be able to read and write his native language reasonably well. Such a restriction would give us a better class of immigrants than we get now and a class less likely to swell the ranks of too cheap labor.

Besides demanding this educational qualification, we ought to require of these immigrants that they bring money enough to transport them to whatever section of the country offers the greatest advantages to them. I believe that a man landing on our shores should be able to follow the trade that he was engaged in at home or turn his energies in any other direction that he may naturally desire. Many immigrants would adopt this course if they had enough money to wait for an opening or to pay their way to a point where they might find employment in their particular line. But so many land with just enough in their pockets to get them through the barge office that they are forced to take the first job which they can find. This is often some other man's job, and the immigrant gets it because he is willing to do the same work for lower wages.

The requirement that the immigrant bring more money with him will aid, too, in the distribution of immigrants throughout the country and prevent centralization in the vicinity of the landing points.

ON TATTLING IN SCHOOL.

By William Wesley.

THERE is little or no proper feeling in most public schools in regard to the pupils tattling on one another, nor is the problem an easy one in all is bearings. It is emphatically one in which the co-operation of the teachers is necessary, and some advice from them during school hours would do much toward shaping the characters of their boys and girls in after life respecting this thing.

Generally speaking, the rule is divided into two parts. In all ordinary circumstances do not tattle at all. But if the wrong done is a violation of the civil law, or goes deep into moral questions, it should be informed on. Ordinary mischief, as long as it does not involve the wanton destruction of property, is not the sort of thing any self-respecting child should run to a teacher with. One of the best schools I ever knew or heard of gave the tattler the punishment due to the offender for this sort of disagreeable officiousness, and let the offender go free.

But anything in the nature of stealing should be told on. Children cannot be taught respect for property rights too soon. This is also true of all real wickedness in either boys or girls. Some children are so cursed that they are moral lepers at an early age. Such offenses should be taken to the principal with promptness, before the offender can exert his evil influence further. In this parents, too, should co-operate.

Gossip and backbiting, scandal and slander, have their roots in the same motives that actuate tattlers. A community of such people would be unendurable to live in. It should not be through any school influence that our little ones would be set in this malicious and hateful class. Let every teacher, set her face in absolute opposition, by refusing to listen.

IS THE WORLD GOING CRAZY?

By Dr. Forbes Winslow.

According to the statistical figures on insanity, it can be shown that before long there will be actually more lunatics in the world than sane people. The burning problem of the day is how to prevent this increase of insanity. What is the use of wasting time and energy on education when we have before us this absorbing problem, the contemplation of an insane world, to deal with?

HE TURNED THE TABLES.

Richard Harding Davis Tells Anecdote of Playwright.

"They hiss in the French theaters with the help of a hollow key," said Richard Harding Davis. "Paul Bourget once told me an odd incident based upon this hollow key hissing.

"A playwright—call him Duval—had the unhappiness, one fine night, to sit through a most successful production of his latest play. The house resounded with jeers and hisses, and a young man, turning to Duval, said:

"'By Jove, how I'd roast this miserable piece if I only had a hollow key.'

"'My dear sir,' said Duval, 'I am happy to be able to accommodate you.'

"And he handed a hollow key to the young man, who at once set up a fierce and continuous hissing. Just then a critic appeared.

"'Duval,' he said to the playwright, 'I am sorry for you. Poor fellow, you don't deserve this.'

"The young man with the key looked amazed and ashamed.

"'What! Are you M. Duval? I beg your pardon a thousand times,' he cried.

"'You owe me no apology,' said Duval. 'Lunch with me to-morrow.'

"The young man accepted the invitation, and at the end of the luncheon next day, when the coffee, liquors and cigarettes were brought in, he drew a bulky manuscript from his pocket, and begged leave to read a comedy to M. Duval, for he was a playwright, too.

"Duval consented, and listened attentively to the reading. At the end the young man said:

"'Well, monsieur, what do you think of it?'

"Duval smiled as he replied:

"'Could you oblige me by returning my hollow key?'"—Exchange.

A Dilemma.

Jones—What's the matter, old man? You look ticked to death one minute and worried the next.

Smith—Well, the truth is I don't know whether to be happy or furious.

Jones—Tell me what the trouble is. Maybe I can help you out.

Smith—You know that man Timins, don't you?

Jones—Yes.

Smith—You also know that I told you yesterday that I owe him $5,000, which comes due to-day, and that I didn't see how in the world I could pay it?

Jones—Yes, I remember.

Smith—Well, Timins eloped with another man's wife last night. He does not dare to come back, and I am $5,000 to the good.

Jones—Well, I don't see that you have any reason to be anything but happy.

Smith—But it was my wife that he eloped with.—Pacific Monthly.

JAIL BARRED TO HIM.

American Prisoner in China Receives Cold Welcome.

When the Chinese day watchman at the American consulate went his rounds the other morning he discovered that one of the cells that should have contained a prisoner was empty. Door and window were intact, and there was no sign to show how the occupant of the cell—C. S. Buttrick—had effected his escape. Buttrick was serving a sentence of three years' imprisonment on a charge of embezzlement, which was heard at Tien-Tsin.

The night watchman, who was at first suspected of connivance in the escape, returned to his post at 7 p. m. as usual. He told a perfectly straightforward story. He came on duty, he said, as usual, at 7 o'clock the preceding evening. Buttrick was then out for his daily walk, but returning at about 9 p. m. called for a tansan and then retired to his cell. The watchman saw nothing more of him, and when he left at 7 a. m. he placed the keys, as usual, on a table where the day watchman would know where to find them.

Another version is that when Buttrick returned from his evening walk he was unable to get into the consulate. He knocked and rang for some time without any response, and finally, in high dudgeon at the inhospitality of the consulate, went elsewhere for his night's lodging. Our informant adds that he would not be surprised if Buttrick turned up some day to lodge a complaint against the American authorities for locking him out in this inhuman manner.—North China News.

This Country's Product of Gems.

Our chief gem productions in this country in 1905 were: Sapphires, $125,000; turquoise, $65,000; tourmalines, $50,000; peridots and crystal quartzes, $10,000 each; aquamarines, $6,000; kunzite, gold quartz chrysoprase, silicified wood and garnets, $5,000 each; smoky quartz and chlorastrolite, $3,000 each; amethyst, agate, pyrite, malachite and cathinite, $2,000 each; moss agate, $1,500; beryl, rose quartz, amazon stone and arrow points, $1,000 each; topaz, utahlite and melite, $500 each; fossil coral, $250, and dumortierite in quartz, $100.

Spankers.

Mrs. Gunner—It is queer how remarkably good the children have been since we returned from Cairo.

Mr. Gunner—Oh, they are wise.

Mrs. Gunner—Wise to what?

Mr. Gunner—To the fact that I brought back a collection of hard Egyptian sandals.

But Think of the Other Man.

U. Batt—Do you think religion has any business meddling with politics?

Y. Knott—I didn't use to. I do now. When I was just about to get an election bet out of a man the preacher happened along, and I had to change the subject. While I was talking with the preacher the other man got away. Saved me $10.

Moonshining in New York.

"Don't talk to me about moonshining in Kentucky," said the internal revenue agent. "There's more moonshining going on all the time in little old New York than could be done in ten Kentuckys. In the crowded sections of the east and west sides stills spring up right along and for a while conduct a flourishing business in the low-grade whisky they manufacture.

"You see, it doesn't take much trouble to equip a still with corn and yeast and start in to make the mash which is finally turned out as a pretty poor sort of whisky. The great difficulty is in getting rid of the peculiar smoke and odor from the stills without exciting suspicion. This is usually attempted by running the still in connection with a dye-shop or some other chemical enterprise as a blind. We keep watch on all such establishments and have the town well covered by sharp-eyed and sharp-nosed agents besides.

"We are constantly arresting these small moonshiners and sending them to jail. But enough spring up in their places for you to say with safety that, as I say, there's more moonshining going on in New York City right along than there could be in ten Kentuckys."—New York Sun.

The Instinct of Birds.

Some wonderful facts concerning the instincts of birds are narrated by naturalists. The oriole, for example, has a fondness for bright colors, and yet prudence leads the little creature in building his nest to select the least conspicuous hues. He also shows architectural skill in attaching a string to his hanging nest and fastening it securely by a number of turns and a knot to a branch above in order to prevent the weight of the young brood from breaking the branch from which the nest is suspended. Is not this a good deal like buttressing a weak wall? Birds also show a progressive spirit. Formerly the tailor birds of East India used to stitch the leaves of their nests together with fine grass or horsehair. Since the introduction of British manufactures they use sewing thread and ravelings from clothe. In the districts in Switzerland where watches are made the wagtails have learned to build their nests of fine steel shavings. Sparrows, which usually build in chinks of walls or under roofs, if forced to construct their nests in trees or any unsheltered spot, usually cover them with a sort of hood to keep out the rain.

His Grasp.

"I try to be polite to passengers," said the street car conductor with the powerful breath, "but when one of 'em tries to pass a plugged nickel on me, by George, it's pretty hard for me to hold in! And the company never makes any allowance for that sort of thing."

"I suppose," observed the other man, "the company is more concerned about what you hold out."

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COVINA, DEC. 22, 1906.

Dudderar's fine candies make a fine Christmas present.

Turkeys, hay and potatoes for sale. 2½ miles southwest of Covina. R. C. Cassad, Tel. 1128.

You like oysters! Crenshaw will carry them at all times during the season.

Mrs. W. T. Weber, who was stricken with a stroke of appoplexy last week, is reported as improving and hopes are entertained for her recovery.

L S Fry of Plattsburg, Mo., arrived Thursday to spend the winter with his niece, Mrs. H. C. Benton. Two years ago Mr. Fry spent the winter in Covina.

Mr. Marsh, of the firm of Marsh & Russell, of Los Angeles, was in town Friday to consult with a committee of the Methodist Church regarding a new church building which is proposed by that organization to meet the requirements of their growing membership.

The many friends of Mr. W. W. Chase will regret to learn that he is in a very precarious state of health and that it has been found necessary to place him in a Los Angeles sanitarium. His physicians entertain little hope for his recovery.

The nine year old son of C. Didier, the Puente Butcher, fractured his leg on Tuesday by getting it caught between the spokes of a cart wheel. Dr. J. D. Reed of Covina was called in and set the limb. The fracture was a very severe one, being above the knee.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Freeman and daughter of Freeman, Ontario, Canada, arrived this week to make Covina their permanent home. Mr. Freeman spent last winter in Covina and while here purchased the Reynolds orchard on Center street. Mr. Freeman says the growth and improvement in our city since he was here are very noticeable. We welcome the new family to Covina.

Among guests registered at the Hotel Vendome this week were Theodore Coleman of Pasadena, H. R. McKey and F. Johnson of Los Angeles, V. D. Good of Pasadena, J. D. and M. D. Reavis and wives and Ben McLendon of Searchlight, Nevada, Fred Cowan of Kansas City, Mo., F. C. White of Los Angeles, W. F. Robinson of San Francisco. L. M. Pratt, Miss Feenan and Miss Nolan of Los Angeles.

J. A Collins, Southern Pacific agent at Blackfoot, Idaho, is the guest of his brother-in-law, Rev. S. W. Gage, pastor of the Baptist Church. Mr. Collins is delighted with Covina. When he left his eastern home the weather was nine degrees below zero, and it seemed as though he had dropped into summer when he arrived in Covina.

Geo Haynes and family, recent arrivals from Colorado, who are now nicely located in the Treiut residence on Puente street, are delighted with their move to this section. "Covina is the garden spot of the world, is my verdict," said Mr. Haynes when asked by an Argus reporter how he liked our little city. Mr. and Mrs Haynes are social, hospitable people and we trust they may see their way clear to make their permanent home here

Mr Clapp, the popular druggist, has a most attractive display of pretty and useful Christmas articles in his two large show windows this week. Sweet perfume in the dainticst of bottles with a dainticr smell, quaint little Japanese fans, powder boxes, match safes, vases, and in fact everything to please the feminine eye and make the dressing table attractive. The cheerful background makes a pretty setting for the various gifts and the large red Christmas bells swinging from above makes the windows most attractive and an invitation to every little lady shopper to take just a peep within.

Mrs. John Brunjes will be the hostess at a charming dinner party on Christmas eve, when she will entertain Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Brunjes, Miss Meta Brunjes, Tom Brunjes, Mr. and Mrs. Hoogendyk and family and Mrs. Wilkins.

The Young Peoples Club held one of their very pleasant affairs last Saturday evening at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Fletcher. The young people in the club are a very jolly set and their parties are always looked forward to and enjoyed most thoroughly by the club members. The meeting of Saturday night was particularly pleasant, a delightful program of music being rendered, besides interesting games were played. Miss Alice Atwood, who possesses a very sweet voice, gave several vocal solos in a charming manner. Miss Alice Burpee gave a very clever original story which was very much enjoyed. Dainty refreshments concluded the evening.

Little Miss Hazel Potter was the delightful hostess on last Saturday when she entertained nine of her little friends at an afternoon party. The children made merry with games and music until late in the afternoon, when the daintiest of refreshments were served by the charming little hostess. Miss Hazel's guests were Misses Ruth and Helen Whitsel, Violet Tucker, Gwendolen Sherwood, Marjorie Clark, Lucile Matthews, Lorene Bemis, Imogene Arthur and Master Adna Nell.

Mrs. F. W. Sherwood and Mrs. Rosa Clark will entertain with a Christmas tree and tea for some of the little people Monday afternoon. The tree will be enjoyed at the home of Mrs Sherwood after which the guests will take tea at the home of Mrs. Clark. Those who will enjoy the afternoon with the children of Mrs. Sherwood and Mrs. Clark are Mrs. William W. Matthews and children of Catalina and Mrs. Brunjes and family. On Christmas day Mrs. Sherwood will entertain with a family dinner.

Mrs. S. A. Stowell gave a merry little dinner party on Sunday at her home in Chater Oak in honor of the fifth birthday of little John Westervelt, a grandson of Mrs. Middleton. The table was charmingly decorated and was laden with all the good things that a boy of five enjoys, besides a huge birthday cake brilliantly beaming with five tiny candles. Those invited to celebrate with the wee man were Mr. and Mrs. Middleton, Miss Middleton, Miss Lottie Stowell, Miss Ina Ellsworth, Mr. George Lansen and Mr. and Mrs. Stowell.

Miss Bashor, the pretty bride to be, whose marriage is to be a Christmas affair, will be the honored guest at a delightful linen shower on Monday afternoon, at which Mrs. James Bonham is to be the hostess. Miss Bashor is of the younger set and is one of its most popular members, possessing such sweet manners that she has endeared herself to all her friends. The guests to meet Miss Bashor have been asked to spend a jolly afternoon and bid farewell to her spinster days, each bringing some dainty piece of linen which will be an addition to the pretty trousseau.

Mr and Mrs. William Clark will entertain at a dinner at their home on the San Bernardino road on Christmas day, when they will have as their guests Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Allison and family, Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Reed and family Mr. and Mrs. Charls Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. McAllen and family, Mrs. M. A. Allison and Mr. and Mrs. James Windel.

The young people of the Epworth League enjoyed one of their delightful socials last evening at the residence of Mrs. B. L. Reynolds. This was the first social that the League has held for some time and the large gathering of merry young people was proof of the success. Games and a delightful musical program helped to pass the evening pleasantly, after which dainty refreshments were served.

A pleasant affair was the candy pull on Tuesday evening when Mrs. George Van Vliet entertained a merry little gathering in honor of Miss Laura Freeman, whose marriage to Mr. Arthur Martin of Fallbrook will take place on Monday. The guests to meet the pretty coming bride were her most intimate friends. Nothing is jollier than a real old fashioned candy pull, and as Miss Freeman's future home is to be away from here, it was a sort of farewell to her. Those who enjoyed Mrs. Van Vliet's hospitality were Mr. and Mrs C. W. Tucker Miss Maud Doughty, Mrs. Arthur and Mr. Harry Doughty.

A delightful bit of news that is being discussed over the tea cups is the engagement of Miss Laura Freeman and Arthur Martin the wedding to take place on Monday next at the home of Mrs George W. Van Vliet on Cottage Drive. Miss Freeman's friends have been rather suspicious for some time and so the news of her engagement comes not wholly as a surprise, but that the wedding is to be so soon was not expected. Miss Freeman is a most charming and attractive girl. She has been in Covina for some time and is extremely popular in society and it is regretted that her home is to be away from here. Mr. Martin is a young business man of Fallbrook. He has made several visits here and is popular with those who have met him. The marriage will be a quiet affair and immediately after Mr. Martin will take his bride to Fallbrook where he has prepared an attractive home.

A delightful family reunion was held at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Leech this week when she gathered together her sons and daughter for a Christmas reunion at her home near Covina. A very pleasant incident was the presence of Mrs. Anna Highlands, sister-in-law of Mrs. Leech whom she had not seen for forty-five years. Mrs. Hudson of Los Angeles, who has been attending Mrs. Leech, was also a guest. The sons and daughters who were present at this pleasant affair were, Mr. and Mrs C. D. Leech, Mr. E. E. Leech, Mr. William Leech of Bakersfield, Mrs. Lottie Tanner of Los Angeles and Mrs. Leech's three grandchildren, Miss Gale Leech, Edwin Ross Leech and Master William Clifton Leech, and two friends, Mrs. Charles Damerel and Mr. Henry Damerel.

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Fresh oysters, 20c a dozen at Crenshaw's grocery.

For Sale—Potatoes $1.00 per sack. W. M. Warren.

Eat a meal at the new restaurant on N. Citrus avenue.

If you have any chickens for sale see J. C. Baldridge. tf

Apple pies, made of sound, fresh apples, 10c. Warner, Whitsel & Co.

Decoration calendar pads at Clapp's. tf

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Why not have a cement watering trough with automatic valve? Water always cool and fresh. Ben F. Thorpe makes them. Tel. 4037.

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The Covina Valley Savings Bank offers you a safe investment for your idle funds. We pay 4 per cent. Start an account today.

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Finest line of imported and domestic soaps, toilet soaps ever displayed in Covina may be seen at Clapp's. tf

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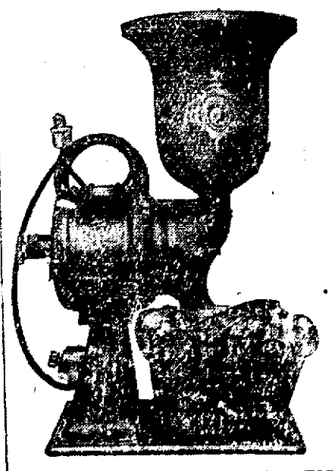
Everyone buys candies at Christmas. Get the finest made at Dudderar's.

For Sale—Some first class horses and mules. Some all purpose horses. One fine young driving mare. Some good cheap horses. All representations guaranteed. W. M. Warren, phone 154.



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If you do you can't afford to miss this opportunity. The stock is being sold to careful, conservative investors. Consult any of the men above named or ask Mr. R. Mears of Covina what he thinks of it.

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FISCAL AGENTS

410 Pacific Electric Building, Los Angeles

Local Events.

Baths at Asher's barber shop.

Come and see the Xmas window display. Palace of Sweets.

Two first class cows for sale. Poage place, phone 2216.

Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson were Los Angeles visitors the first of the week.

Frosted cranberry tarts, 25c a dozen. Warner, Whitsel & Co.

J. A. Blackwood registered at the Vendome Sunday from Wayne, Ill.

Just received a supply of iron beds springs and mattresses. Brow & Son.

Miss Celo Nevell of Los Angeles is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. C. W. Potter at her home on College street.

Seed barley and oats, Northern and Imperial, the very best. San Gabriel Valley Milling Company.

The C. W. B. M. will meet in the Christian Church next Wednesday at 2:30 p.m.

Seed barley and oats, Northern and Imperial, the very best. San Gabriel Valley Milling Co.

Lost—A pair of child's spectacles in case. Finder leave at Custer's store and receive reward. 1tp

M. L. Bowen of Washington registered at the Vendome during the week.

Place your savings in the United States Savings Bank of Covina and secure 4 per cent interest.

U. N. Wood and wife of Pomona are registered at the Vendome. They are spending the winter in Covina.

F. C. Wilson and family of Los Angeles registered at the Vendome Sunday.

"Top Notch" bread, made with milk. It is good to eat.
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Mr. and Mrs. Whitsel and family will spend Christmas in Whittier as the guests of Mrs. Whitsel's mother, Mrs. Job Osborn.

Mrs. B. F. Edwards, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. J. M. Poe, has returned to her home in Ocean Park.

For Sale—Pumpkins by the ton, $2.50; grape stumps by the cord $5.00; also a good mare $50.00. See or telephone Dan Reichard, Irwindale. Telephone 105.

A cablegram has been received stating the safe arrival of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Murray in England. Mrs. Murray will be remembered as the charming Miss Beatrice Wilkins before her marriage to Mr. Murray, which took place in the early summer.

A. N. Kellogg, a capitalist of Cleveland, Ohio, was the guest of Mrs. M. E. Garrison at her home on Orange avenue Sunday. Mr. Kellogg has been touring Southern California on a pleasure trip, leaving Tuesday for Mexico City.

The dishes and silverware taken from the skating rink last Friday may be found at Mr. Custer's furniture store. Some articles have been lost and if anyone has made a mistake and not received their own they will oblige the committee by looking into the matter and making exchange.

Messrs. Alfred and Jack Fletcher, sons of the Rev. and Mrs. A. Fletcher, are expected to arrive today from the University of California where they are attending college, to spend the holidays with their parents. Mr. Alfred Fletcher is the editor of the Daily Californian, the college paper.

The pastors of the various churches have formed a Ministerial Association which will meet once every month. The object of the association is to look after the needs of Covina and the general good of the town. The first meeting was held on Tuesday morning at the residence of the Rev. Mr. Conley, when the election of officers took place. Rev. Mr. Stevens, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, was chosen president, and Rev. Mr. White, pastor of the Methodist Church, was elected secretary of the association.

Robert Crenshaw, the grocer, has just issued to all his friends and customers a most artistic calendar for the Christmastide, in the form of a dainty girl surrounded with bright red roses, and with a little dog carrying a basket. The calendar is one of the prettiest of the season. Mr. Crenshaw has been enlarging his stock of fancy groceries and now is supplied with all the dainites for the Christmas dinner. An exceptionally good supply of fruits and vegetables is always to be found at Mr. Crenshaw's, besides a complete line of groceries of all kinds.

Try Mann's new restaurant.

Xmas cards and postals at Clapp's.

Good meals at Mann's restaurant.

We lead, others follow. Palace of Sweets.

"Top Notch" bread, made with milk. It is good to eat.
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Remember—We will duplicate any magazine combination offer. Clapp's drug store. tf

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Fresh oysters arrive every Tuesday and Friday at Crenshaw's grocery, 20c a dozen.

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W. N. Dunham and wife and H. W. Bailey of Pasadena were guests at the Vendome Sunday.

Jacob Brunjes and daughter and Mrs. Thorpe were in Los Angeles during the week.

Say! Do you know you can save money by trading with Brow & Son? Dealers in house furnishing goods.

Have you tried a date cake? A 2 pound cake 25c. They are fine.
Warner, Whitsel & Co.

Jack Beckinsale of Ontario has been a guest several days this week at the home of Mrs. B. F. Cook of Second street.

You will have to hurry if you want a fancy box for Xmas. Everybody buys their candy at the Palace of Sweets. Don't worry, watch us grow.

The Covina High School baseball team will play the Lordsburg College nine this afternoon at Lordsburg.

Rev. D. A. Homfeld, a German Baptist minister has purchased property here and intends to make his home in our beautiful little town.

If you wish to save fuel call and see our "Menlo" steel ranges, steel cooks and air tight heaters, best on the market. Brow & Son, Cook block.

"Top Notch" bread, made with milk. It is good to eat.
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Mr. Will Lavayea, a student at Stanford, is spending his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Winder.

Mrs. J. C. Hudson who has been attending Mrs. Elizabeth Leech, will spend Christmas in Los Angeles as the guest of her children.

On New Year's eve there will be a union watch party at the Christian Church to watch the old year out and the new year in. A musical program has been prepared and refreshments will be served.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Griffith, Jr. and family left yesterday for Monticello, where Mrs. Griffiths and children expect to spend the winter visiting with relatives. Mr. Griffith will return shortly after the new year to attend to his extensive business interests here.

Hubert Neil was taken to Los Angeles last Saturday to have an operation performed. Some time ago the boy fell while at play and hurt himself. It was not thought to be serious at the time, but later an operation was found necessary.

Dudderar's Confectionery has a large display ad on our last page advertising their firm as the old reliable candy house, and so it is. Dudderar's candies are of superior merit and have made themselves widely known.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that all municipal taxes are now due and payable and that all taxes due will become delinquent upon the last Monday of December, next, hereafter at five o'clock p.m., and unless paid prior thereto, ten per cent will be added to the amount thereof. Taxes may be paid at the office of the City Marshal, I. C. FAIRLY.

Saint Agnes Guild this afternoon will hold a Christmas sale in the Bell & Ostrander building on Citrus avenue, beginning at 2 o'clock. This sale is somewhat different from that which is usually called the Christmas sale, where articles of fancy work and all sorts of pretty gifts are offered to the public, being a genuine Christmas dinner sale with all the good things that the housewife will need for her Christmas dinner, dressed chickens, home made mince pies, real old fashioned English plum puddings, fruit cakes, little jelly tarts that are made especially for the children, candies and many other good things to eat. Such a sale as this was a clever thought of the Guild, for it will be a great saving on the busy housewife, besides being less expensive. The sale this afternoon will continue until evening.

Removal.

We have removed the Box Ball Parlor to the Bemis storeroom, where we will be glad to welcome all old patrons and friends as well as new ones. Come in and see us.
Fry & Fisher.

Seed barley and oats, Northern and Imperial, the very best. San Gabriel Valley Milling Company.

Delinquent Notice.

Office of the Covina Irrigating Company, principal place of business, Covina, Rowland Township, County of Los Angeles, State of California.

There are delinquent on the following described stock on account of assessment No. 42, levied on November 7th, 1906, the several amounts set opposite the names of the respective shareholders as follows.

NAME	No. Cert.	No. Shares	Amt.
S.W. Funk	729	20	$15.00
Peter W. DeLancey	1842	50	37.50
L. D. Graham	985	7½	5.63
United Investment Co.	1736	141	105.75
United Investment Co.	1779	60	45.00
George Wright	165	10½	7.88

And in accordance with law and an order of the board of directors, made on the 7th day of November, A. D., 1906, so many shares of each parcel of stock as may be necessary shall be sold at public auction at the office of the company in Covina California, the 31st day of December, A. D., 1906, at the hour of 2 o'clock p.m. of said day, to pay said delinquent assessment thereon, together with the costs of advertising and expenses of sale.

B. F. EDWARDS, Secretary.
Covina, Cal., November 12, 1906.

Notice.

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Covina National Bank of Covina, Cal., will be held at its banking room on the second Tuesday (the 8th) of January, 1907, at the hour of 10 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of electing directors and transacting any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

V. O. ENGLSIH, Cashier.

Notice.

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the United States Savings Bank of Covina, Cal., will be held at its banking room on the second Tuesday (the 8th) of January, 1907, at the hour of 11 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of electing directors and transacting any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

V. O. ENGLISH, Secretary.

Notice of Annual Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Covina will be held on Tuesday, the eighth day of January, 1907, at 10 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of electing a board of nine directors to serve for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting.

W. M. GRISWOLD, Cashier.

Notice of Annual Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Covina Valley Savings Bank will be held on Tuesday, the eighth day of January, 1907, at 10 o'clock a. m. for the purpose of electing a board of directors to serve for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as may properly be brough before the meeting.

J. C. HUTCHINSON, Jr.,
Cashier.

ASSESSMENT NOTICE.

Irwindale Land and Water Company, principal place of business, Irwindale Postoffice, County of Los Angeles, State of California.

Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the directors, held on the 22 day of October, 1906, an assessment, (No. 5), of 30 cents ($.30) per share was levied on the capital stock of the above named corporation, at the secretary's office at Irwindale, County of Los Angeles, State of California. Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on the 2nd day of January, 1907, shall be delinquent and advertised for public auction, and unless payment is made before, will be be sold on the 1st day of February, 1907, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, at the office of the company in Irwindale, County of Los Angeles, State of California, to pay the delinquent assessment, together with cost of advertising and expense of sale.

C. D. LEECH, Secretary.

Annual Stockholders Meeting.

Office of the Covina Irrigating Company.

To the stockholders of the Covina Irrigating Company:

Please take notice that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Covina Irrigating Company will be held at the office of the corporation in the City of Covina, County of Los Angeles, State of California, on Tuesday, the 8th day of January, A. D., 1907, at 10 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of electing directors and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

B. F. EDWARDS, Secretary.
Dated Dec. 22, 1906.

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Selecting His Nose.

A young gentleman, recently engaged to the girl he adored, unfortunately had his nose broken while playing cricket. A doctor was hastily summoned, but the victim of the accident would not accept his services until he had received an answer to a telegram just dispatched. Two hours later the reply came. It was from his lady-love, and the young gentleman handed it to the doctor, saying, resignedly:

"Go ahead now!"

The reply to the wire was: "Have nose set Roman; do not like Greek.—Ada."—Tit-Bits.

Opinion of an Expert.

The South Chicago man, who was taking his first trip across central Michigan, looked out of the car window and saw one of those peculiar fences that the farmers of that region sometimes make by digging up old pine stumps and laying them in a row, with the roots facing the road.

"Well," he said, "I've seen all kinds of fads in landscape decoration, but, by George, there's the worst attempt in that line I ever saw!"

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The experienced farmer has learned that some grains require far different soil than others; some crops need different handling than others. He knows that a great deal depends upon right planting at the right time, and that the soil must be kept enriched. No use of complaining in summer about a mistake made in the spring. Decide before the seed is planted.

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A Fatal Mistake.

Mrs. John—What did you do with that bunch of roses I laid on the table last night?

John—Why, I put them in water.

Mrs. John—Mercy! Those weren't real! I bought them to put on my new hat.—Detroit Free Press.

Science and Invention

According to French and Swiss physicians, it is dangerous for elderly and weak persons to visit the higher altitudes of the Alps. They assert that for such persons to do so is to invite cerebral apoplexy, cardiac lesions and pulmonary embolism.

By a police order now in operation in Paris laundries must disinfect all garments as soon as they are received. Clothes must be conveyed to the laundries in hermetically sealed bags and, on their arrival, be scalded in an antiseptic solution. The work people are to wear special clothes, which also are to be disinfected.

With the assistance of the Danish government a scientific station for the study of the life of the arctic region is to be established on the southern coast of the island of Disco, in Danish Greenland. The biological laboratory will contain a full installment of apparatus for research, and investigators from other countries will be welcomed to pursue their studies there. It is intended to have the station in readiness for the first visitors in 1907. The expenses are to be paid partly by the government and partly by A. Holck of Copenhagen.

The recent discussions concerning the decimal system of weights and measures render more interesting a curious paragraph reprinted in the Journal des Debats, from its issue of the same date, Aug. 22, 1806, when Napoleon I. was at the height of his power. It states that there were two dials on the principal building of the Tuilleries, one counting the hours by 12 and the other by 10. Taking advantage of the need for repairs, the dial divided into 10 hours was destroyed, since, as the paragraph goes on to say, "it had served for no purpose except to show to what point the mania for innovation was capable of mounting in opposition to the settled habits of all times and all peoples."

Darwin relates that the Gauchos of the American pampas live for months on the fat meat of the oxen they watch over. The Eskimos can get along very well by eating from five pounds to six pounds a day of reindeer, or seal's flesh, so long as it is not too lean, but contains a due proportion of fat. Says the author of "Diet and Dietetics: "Some men obliged to live a very fatiguing life, the trappers and hunters of the pampas of America and Siberian steppes, the inhabitants of very cold climates, the fishermen living on the banks of the frozen sea, can eat almost exclusively, without suffering from it, enormous quantities of meat or fish, but on two conditions—that the individual subjected to this diet lead a very active life in the open air."

According to the views of Philippe Champault, the Odyssey of Homer is really a valuable record of ancient geographical knowledge. Mr. Champault shows that Homer's descriptions of the land of the Cyclops, the land of the Phæacians, the Isle of Circe, and so forth, correspond in a remarkable manner with places surrounding the Bay of Naples. The great staring "eyes" formed by the extinct craters of the Phlegræan Fields suggested Polyphemus and his one-eyed race. One of the most striking of the topographical identifications suggested by Mr. Champault is that of the "floating shield" seen by Ulysses. From a point northwest of Ischia (identified as the island of Phæacians) one sees rising from the water a remarkable rounded hill, whose outlines, even to the molding of the edge, perfectly resemble those of a great shield of the ancient Greek pattern, floating on the waves.

SOME AMAZING MARRIAGES.

Unions of Youth and Age—Strange Choices of Kings.

That the days of romantic marriages are by no means at an end is proved by the fact that within a few days recently the lady superior of a Budapest convent, who had for twenty years worn the veil of a nun, became the wife of a stonemason young enough to be her son; a wealthy widow of Washington gave her hand and heart to a blind street singer, a German count of long descent led a washerwoman's daughter to the altar and a Russian countess eloped with her footman.

But Cupid has played pranks far stranger than any of these. At Worcester a blacksmith of 90 was once mated to a child of 15; in Berkshire a blind woman of 90 was wedded to her plowman, a youth of 20, and a little later a girl of 16 became the bride of a man who was nearly 80 when she was cradled. Almost more remarkable still was a Berkshire wedding of many years ago, in which bridegroom and bride numbered 168 years between them—he was 85 and she was two years younger; the two bridesmaids had celebrated their 70th birthday and the path to the altar was strewn with flowers by six of the bridegroom's granddaughters.

In the eighteenth century a woman who was pilloried in Cheapside and sentenced to six months' imprisonment had been married to no fewer than three members of her own sex, whom, in turn, she robbed and deserted; and at the same time two women were keeping a public house at Poplar as man and wife, and it was only on her deathbed that the "wife" revealed the secret, which had been successfully kept for thirty-six years.

About ten years ago Dr. Mary Spencer was married at Neath to her eleventh husband, her first appearance at the altar being at the age of 15 and her latest at 44. A Mexican woman, Senora Rey Castillo, buried seven husbands between 1880 and 1895, each of them dying a violent death. A man of Bordeaux only yielded up the ghost in 1772 after he had wedded his sixteenth bride. Jerome tells of a widow who had buried twenty-one husbands before she was united to a man who had already survived twenty wives, and Evelyn beats this amazing record with the case of a woman who when he saw her was remarried to her twenty-fifth husband.

To return, however, to remarkable cases of mesalliance, it is not long since one of the best known kings of Europe made a morganatic wife of the daughter of a caretaker of Louvain, whom he had already created a baroness. Archduke John of Austria married the pretty daughter of a small country postmaster who in boy's clothes had acted as his postilion. Archduke John Salvator sacrificed his royal rank to become the husband of a ballet dancer, the daughter of obscure parents, and Archduke Ernest took to wife a woman of still humbler position, and not long ago the son of this union was head waiter in a Budapest cafe, while Princess Josephine of Spain, great aunt of King Alfonso, eloped with a Havana journalist.

Peter the Great made a wife and empress of a girl who had been a servant in the house of a Lutheran minister at Marienburg. Sir Henry Parkes, William Corbett and Thomas Coutts, the millionaire banker, all chose maids of all work for their life partners, and Sir Gervaise Clifton, the historian of Jamaica, had no fewer than seven wives, each of whom had been in his own service.

JACK ALOFT.

The sailor, mast-high and swinging at ease with the roll of the ship, is a sight too common to excite wonder. Yet that very familiarity with lofty places, that sure head and steady poise, often include in their history of development times of great stess and misery. Mr. Bullen, in his "Log of a Sea Waif," gives a description of his sensations when the masthead was still a point of dread. The author was then a cabin-boy on a ship bound for Bombay, when, one rough day, he heard his name called, and, running aft, was met by the second mate.

He put a coil of rope in my hands and told me to reeve the signal-halyards in the mizzen truck. We carried extra long royal poles or bare extensions of masts above the highest point of rigging. Ours were sixteen feet long, and the top was not much bigger than a man's wrist. They were crowned with flat pieces of wood the size of a cheese-plate, on one side of which was the sheave for signal-halyards.

I started aloft boldly enough, but when I reached the base of the pole and saw to what height its bareness towered above, I faltered. My heart failed as the staggering ship lurched and the sea roared one hundred and twenty feet below me. My head swam, and all strength left me. I sat some time with my legs clutched about the pole, just clinging, without power to move. A voice from the deck called up:

"Hurry up, there, with the halyards!"

Although I felt that I was going to certain death, yet my fear of the mate was so potent I made another attempt. Pulling myself up, I shut my eyes and said a prayer. Trembling, but fighting against the benumbing weakness, I actually struggled to the top. Even now, when I think of it, a cold sweat starts out all over me. Opening my eyes, I thrust at the opening of the sheave with the end of the line. It was knotted, and would not go through.

I had tried and failed and with a last flash of energy, I grasped the pole with both arms and slid down to the eyes of the royal rigging. There I clung for a few moments, violently ill; then, feeling the bitterness of death past, I descended, walked up to the mate, and said:

"I've tried, and I can't do it, sir; not if you kill me!"

The mate stared at me a moment, then turned away and gave the order to some one else.

The incident may seem trivial, but though I have faced death many times, I never felt such terror.

Rossini's Laziness.

Rossini was one of the most indolent of men and in his younger days used to do most of his composing in bed. Once he had almost completed a trio, when the sheet fell out of his hand and went under the bed. He could not reach it, and, rather than get up, he wrote another. The lazy man, if he works at all, does so by spurts, and Rossini, working against time, wrote "The Barber of Seville" in thirteen days. When Donizetti was told of this he remarked, "It is very possible. He is so lazy!" The overture to the "Gazza Ladra," was written under curious circumstances. On the very day of the first performance of the opera not a note of the overture was written, and the manager, getting hold of Rossini, confined him in the upper loft of La Scala, setting four scene shifters on guard over him. These took the sheets as they were filled and threw them out of the windows to copyists beneath.

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Mrs. Hogan—No, mum; my wages isn't steady.—Judge.

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Leave Azusa	5:55	7:10		9:01		1:10	4:41
Ar. in Los Angeles	6:30	8:25		10:03		2:05	5:40

FROM LOS ANGELES

STATIONS	No. 8 Overland	No. 42 Local Daily		No. 44 Local Daily		No. 4 Limited	No. 2 Overland
	a. m.	a. m.		p. m,		p. m.	p. m.
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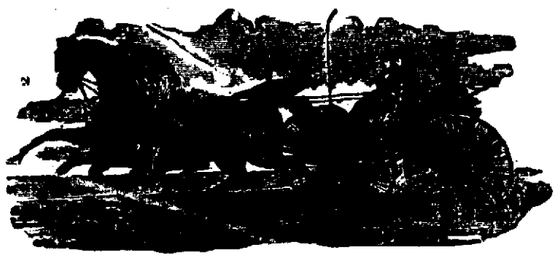

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Hoadly Squelched.

George Hoadly, formerly Governor of Ohio, says that the hardest setting down he ever experienced fell to him while campaigning in his own State. Tired and out of sorts, he arrived at a little town one evening and went to the only hotel in the place. The proprietor stood coatless behind a little desk smoking a corncob pipe. After Mr. Hoadly registered his host said: "Take yer grip up to No. 10, down at the far end of the hall." With some exasperation the State's chief executive said: "I am **George Hoadly, Governor of Ohio.**" The man looked him over calmly and replied: "Well, what d'ye want me to do—kiss ye?" The Governor went meekly to bed.—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

More Information.

Mrs. Chugwater—Josiah, the doctor says Mr. McJones has pleuro-pneumonia. What is pleuro-pneumonia?

Mr. Chugwater—You know what pneumonia is, don't you? Well, pleuro is the same as plural. It means more than one. Pleuro-pneumonia is what you have when you've got it in both lungs. Why can't you think these things out for yourself once in a while?

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Unfortunately his remark, "With my machine I have your head off in the twinkling of an eye, and without your feeling the least pain," extinguished his motion in laughter. But afterwards Dr. Louis, secretary of the Academy of Surgeons, to whom the question was referred, recommended such a machine, rough forms of which had been used in Scotland, England, and other countries. So at first the "national razor" was called a "louisette."

But Guillotin's remark was remembered, with "guillotine" as the result—to his deep horror and disgust.—London Chronicle.

Forgetful Saurian.

A colored preacher took some candidates for immersion down to a river in Louisiana. Seeing some alligators in the stream, one of them objected.

"Why, brother," urged the pastor, "can't you trust the Lord? He took care of Jonah, didn't he?"

"Y-a-a-s," admitted the darky, "but a whale's diff'rent. A whale's got a memory, but ef one o' dem 'gators wus ter swaller dis nigger, he'd jes' go ter sleep dar in de sun an' fergit all 'bout me."—Woman's Home Companion.

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Tribe Committed Suicide.

In consequence of the wording of a telegram, it is alleged that the Netherland troops in Bali got Achin (this is 1,700 miles away from Bali), slaughtered about 400 people, among them a majority of women and children. The death of so many human beings is sad enough, without the imputation of cruelty against the Netherland soldiers, says the London Times. What happened is this:

All students of Malay and Hindu history know that one of the most horrid customs in those countries is the "poopootan," what I should like to call the tribal suicide. A Bali prince, with the instincts of his warrior race, declines to surrender, but prefers death, and he with all his people seek death. The prince of Badoeng did this. He turned a deaf ear to all suggestions of a settlement, but he and all connected with him, men, women and children, committed suicide.

Nearly the same thing happened in 1895 in Lombok, a neighboring island. The old king had surrendered, but one of his sons, a cripple, walked out with all his relatives, dressed in gorgeous garments, bedecked with all their jewelry, and with their swords and lances attacked the Dutch army, only to find the death they courted. Those that were not killed in the fight were afterward found to have killed themselves.

Uncle Allen.

"So far as my observation goes," remarked Uncle Allen Sparks, "the 'common lot' of man, that you hear of so often, 'is usually about 2 feet by 6.'"

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L. A. N. U. 1906—51

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Ma Struck Home.

"Paw-uh!"

"What is it?"

"What is meant by striking home?"

"Bumping into the house at 2 a. m.," broke in ma, and then pa slammed on his hat and marched down to the corner.—Houston Chronicle.

Omissions of History.

Francis Scott Key had just written the "Star Spangled Banner."

"In days to come," he said, "when people hear that song they will stand on their feet and listen to it with uncovered heads!"

Yet even he had no premonition that the day would come when the playing of "The Star Spangled Banner" by a theater orchestra would make the people within hearing rise to their feet as one man, grab their wraps and make a dive for the exits.

The Evils of Constipation

are many; in fact almost every serious illness has its origin in constipation, and some medicines, instead of preventing constipation, add to it. This is true of most cathartics, which, when first used, have a beneficial effect, but the dose has to be continually increased, and before long the remedy ceases to have the slightest effect. There is one preparation, however, that can be relied upon to produce the same results with the same dose, even after fifty years' daily use, and this is Brandreth's Pills, which has a record of over 100 years as the standard remedy for constipation and all troubles arising from an impure state of the blood.

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Site for Charlemagne.

Charlemagne, though interred at Aix-la-Chapelle and regarded as an ancestor by the German emperor, is nevertheless claimed as a Frenchman by the majority of modern Gauls. Their interest in the great emperor, however, does not extend to the point of providing a definite site for his monument, which for twenty years has occupied a temporary wooden pedestal on the bank of the Seine, within the precincts of Notre Dame. A movement is now on foot to have an appropriate pedestal set up for the statue, which is covered with waterproof canvas.—New Orleans Picayune.

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A Silent Conviction.

"Remember," said George Washington's father, "that if I had punished you for chopping down that cherry tree it would have hurt me more than it hurt you."

George said nothing. But across his mind flashed the thought that his incapacity for prevarication was not an inherited trait.—Washington Star.

ORPHEUM.

Christmas week at the Orpheum will be distinguished by a program of unusual quality.

Julius Steger, the well know operatic baritone, will make his first vaudeville appearance here, assisted by Helen Mar Wilcox, William H. Pascoe and John Romano the celebrated harpist. The medium for their introduction is a musical-dramatic playlet entitled "The Fifth Commandment."

Kathrine Nugent, who as Flora Wiggins the tough girl, was the hit of "The College Widow" will also make her first appearance in vaudeville here. She is know as the American Cissy Loftus, and gives amusing imitiations of prominent stage folk.

Mlle Dziria, a Parisian dancer whose reputation has preceded her across the foam, will be seen in a beautiful terpsichorean novelty.

Chas Serra a gymnast of fame in the East, and the three Leightons in a comedy entitled "A One-night Stand in Minstrelsy" complete the list of newcomers. The holdovers are Bellman & Moore, Kochly Bros. and the marvelous Lukens. New motion pictures.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE.

The Christmas attraction at the Grand Opera House is "Under Southern Skies" without question the most original, diverting and the most realistic Southern play ever written. No section of our great country affords better opportunity for character drawing and charming love-story incidents. The play has been greeted with ethusiasm by every section of the country and is easily the most popular Southern play before the public. The company numbers twenty-seven persons, ad is produced with the same cast and scenic settings that were used in the Belasco Theatre production in New York where the play ran continuously for several months.

President's Baby Dress.

Marianna, the 16-months-old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Horace Whittlesey of Emporia, Kan., is the owner of a dress worn by William Henry Harrison, once president of the United States, when he was a baby in old Virginia days, says the New York Herald. William Henry Harrison was born in 1773. Miss Ellen Windsor, who was "Tippecanoe" Harrison's nurse, was given the dress by the mother of Mr. Harrison. She, in turn, gave it to her friend, Mrs. Chapin, for her baby to wear.

Years afterward Mrs. Chapin passed it on to her friend, Mrs. J. C. Whittlesey, and Horace Whittlesey was the next baby to wear the little garment. Mrs. Horace Whittlesey dressed little Marianna in the famous frock the other day, but she didn't allow her to make mud pies while she had it on—in fact, she wore it only half an hour, and the dress was then put carefully away.

The pretty little garment is made with low neck and short sleeves and is one piece from neck to hem. It is shirred at the top, the hem finished in genuine Mount Mellick embroidery, and French knots are scattered over the dress. The material is the finest linen.

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Fifteenth Century Manners.

The antiquary took down a small, fat volume, vellum-bound, with a brass clasp.

"This is a 'Book of Manners,'" he said. "It was printed in 1476. Here are a few extracts."

And he read:

"Do not gnaw a bone, like a dog, nor suck the marrow out of a bone.

"In peeling a pear, begin at the stalk; but with an apple, begin at the top.

"Do not wipe the hands on the clothes, nor suck them, but use the cloth.

"When you drink, lift the cup in both hands; you must not drink with one hand like a wagoner when he is greasing his cart wheels.

"Wipe your nose and mouth when you have drunk, and do not cough into the cup.

"Do not eat an apple all alone, but cut it in two and give a neighbor a piece.

"Do not use your own knife to cut your meat if the host has set a knife of his own at your place.

"Do not spread butter on bread with your thumb."

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Postmen Collect Debts.

A debt-collecting agency which is run as a part of the regular public postal system is the newest "improvement" of the postoffice of Austria.

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In the event of payment being refused, which, of course, sometimes happens, the creditor is promptly apprised of the fact, and valuable time is thus frequently saved.

Considerate of the Cook.

"This story may sound a bit fishy, but it is true, nevertheless," said a clerk at the National hotel. "A few days ago a young man came in and registered and I immediately sized him up as a resident of the rural districts. He was very verdant and that was demonstrated beyond a doubt later when he asked me what time dinner would be ready. I told him the hours for meals and he left the desk. Shortly afterward he came back. I saw there was something on his mind and thought I'd help him out.

"'Is there anything I can do for you, sir?' I inquired.

"'Well, I dunno,' he replied, 'but I was just thinking I'd tell you I won't be here at dinner time, so you needn't bother about waiting for me. I've got to meet a feller about the time you said was meal time and I don't know whether I'll be able to get back. I don't want to put folks to any trouble, so you had better tell the cook about it. I guess I can get along without dinner for one day, anyhow.'

"We don't often have guests who are so considerate of the cook," mused the hotel man.—Washington Post.

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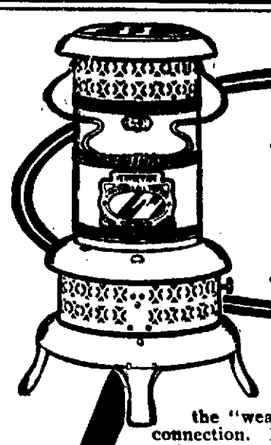

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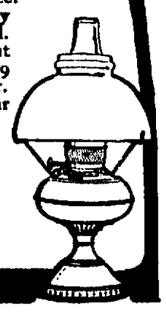

Golden Glow.

"She was a long way from being beautiful when I knew her."

"Well, she's beautiful now, all right."

"Some relative must have died and left her a pot of money."—Houston Post.

Found It So.

"Over on the Lake Shore drive now, are you? Quite an exclusive part of town, isn't it?"

"Exclusive? Well, I should scorn to prevaricate! Anybody who wants to call on us has to walk a mile or come in a carriage."

SKIN DISEASES

HUMORS IN THE BLOOD.

When the blood is pure, fresh and healthy, the skin will be soft, smooth and free from blemishes, but when some acid humor takes root in the circulation its presence is manifested by a skin eruption or disease. These humors get into the blood, generally because of an inactive or sluggish condition of the members of the body whose duty it is to collect and carry off the waste and refuse matter of the system. This unhealthy matter is left to sour and ferment and soon the circulation becomes charged with the acid poison. The blood begins to throw off the humors and acids through the pores and glands of the skin, producing Eczema, Acne, Tetter, Psoriasis, Salt Rheum and skin eruptions of various kinds. Eczema appears, usually with a slight redness of the skin followed by pustules from which there flows a sticky fluid that dries and forms a crust, and the itching is intense. It is generally on the back, breast, face, arms and legs, though other parts of the body may be affected. In Tetter the skin dries, cracks and bleeds; the acid in the blood dries up the natural oils of the skin, which are intended to keep it soft and pliant, causing a dry, feverish condition and giving it a hard, leathery appearance. Acne makes its appearance on the face in the form of pimples and black heads, while Psoriasis comes in scaly patches on different parts of the body. One of the worst forms of skin trouble is Salt Rheum; its favorite point of attack is the scalp, sometimes causing baldness. Poison Oak and Ivy are also disagreeable types of skin disease. The humor producing the trouble lies dormant in the blood through the Winter to break out and torment the sufferer with the return of Spring. The best treatment for all skin diseases is S. S. S. It neutralizes the acids and removes the humors so that the skin instead of being irritated and diseased, is nourished by a supply of fresh, healthy blood. External applications of salves, washes, lotions, etc., while they soothe the itching caused by skin affections, can never cure the trouble because they do not reach the blood. S. S. S. goes down into the circulation and forces out every particle of foreign matter and restores the blood to its normal, pure condition, thereby permanently curing every form of skin affection. Book on Skin Diseases and any medical advice desired sent free to all who write. S. S. S. is for sale at all first class drug stores.

I suffered with Eczema for forty years and could find nothing to cure me until I tried S. S. S. I suffered intensely with the itching and burning; pustules would form from which there flowed a sticky fluid; crusts would come on the skin and when scratched off the skin was left as raw as a piece of beef. I suffered agony in the long years I was afflicted, but when I used S. S. S. I found a perfect cure. There has never been any return of the trouble.

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The patient little wife looked up from her sewing and replied sweetly:

"All right, James, but if you will only remain away the thirty years you needn't trouble yourself about the $5,000." And after that he stopped growling.

Defining the Situation.

Henry B. Stanford, for several years with Sir Henry Irving's company, tells this good story of the famous actor: "Sir Henry's wit was of an almost Voltairian character. Once, while I was rehearsing 'Faust' with him at the Lyceum Theater, in London—we were doing the Brocken scene and he had occasion to reprove an army of exuberant supers—he stopped the rehearsal and all was silence. Then, in that quiet, grim way of his, he said: 'Very charming—but you must remember that you are in hell—not picnicking on Hampstead heath.'"—Rochester Herald.

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IRWINDALE.

Mr. Loofboro of Riverside is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Brown this week.

Mr. and Mr. Irving Vincent and children of Huntington Beach are visiting relatives in Irwindale this week.

Mrs. Robert Edgar is spending the Christmas holidays with her brother in Coulterville.

The Misses Vie and Anna Reynolds have been spending the week with friends in Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. DeForest Reichard of Hollywood were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Reichard in Irwindale Sunday.

Mrs. McDonald and daughter Miss Mary of Indio were guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Coltrin.

Miss Bess Brown of Los Angeles attended the installation of the Eastern Star on Tuesday evening and was the guest of Miss Edna Coltrin of Irwindale.

To Disincorporate.

Hello Central! Argus please? Hello Argus. There is a petition in existence to disincorporate the City of Covina. I think that is a move in the right direction although it looks bad to take a step backwards. We ought to feel proud of our little city, but what have we got to feel proud of unless it is for the privilege of being held up for licenses in business taxes and for road work that we don't get. Our streets are full of chuck holes and the culverts they are putting in to have people fall into could be left out without hurting any body. As for blind pigs, if there are any they have good eyes. There is no law or ordinance under the present regime to compel the corporations holding franchises in our city to furnish water, gas or electric lights to anyone and what is the use of living inside of an incorporated district and paying a city tax to defray such expenses as naturally incur without one can enjoy some of the benefits that others enjoy. What have we done as a city or what have we accomplished other than we could have done without being incorporated? It is only about four months until we have an election and unless we can do something more than we have been doing and show its best to exist as a city, if the petition is not put through now, it surely will be an issue.

Sore Mike.

Lordsburg 1, Covina 0.

The game between the Covina High School and Lordsburg College was called at 2:30 p.m. on the college grounds.

It was the second game played between the two teams and both were evenly matched and played excellent ball throughout the game. In the first inning the Covina boys filled the bases but did not succeed in scoring a run. In the rest of the innings except the ninth there was not a man passed second base on either team.

The game was played very rapidly and ended with a score of 1 to 0 in favor of the college. Reed, who has only pitched a few games, is doing well and is developing more speed with the large curve he already had. He throws a ball with as much accuracy as the college pitcher who is an experienced man in the box. About forty Covina rooters were present and no one felt sorry over the results of the game. The line up of the high school included King, Reed, Taylor, Sigstad, Baidy, Coltrin, Crouse, Fisher and Finch.

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Farmers Meet.

The Covina Valley Farmers' Club met at the residence of Mr. W. P. Watts last Saturday.

Committee on booklets reported progress.

The committee on horticultural inspector reported.

A communication addressed to the Los Angeles delegation to the legislature was read and a committee of two, consisting of W. P. Watts and N. D. Mussey, was appointed to call on Mr. Cogswell and present it to him.

Mr. Arthur Powell of Azusa gave a talk on "Latest Methods of Fumigation."

Mrs. Joseph Heath and Miss Marion Given gave very interesting readings.

After light refreshments the club adjourned to meet at the residence of Mr. B. M. Given on Saturday, Jan. 19, 1907.

Searchlight Looks Good to Him.

F. D. Howell, Jr., returned the first of the week from an extended trip to the Searchlight mining district in Nevada, where he was looking after his extensive mining interests.

Two years ago Mr. Howell, A. M. Jones of Los Angeles, and three other gentlemen purchased a group of six mining claims in that district and proceeded to develop them. It was a close corporation, no extra stock issued and no interest offered for sale. They put up the necessary cash, put in machinery and by work proved the value of their purchase. During this trip Mr. Howell's associates decided that now that the richness of the property had been demonstrated, they would issue stock and thoroughly develop their holdings. It is the boast of Searchlight mining people that "it is a district without a failure," and Mr. Howell confidently believes that the properties of the Gold Coin Mining Company will prove one of the richest in the district.—Monrovia News

Born on Sunday, Dec. 16, to Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Arduiz, a son.

Wanted - Chickens. Hotel Vendome.

Mrs. W. W. Shrader, Jr., of Los Angeles is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Seward.

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Rev. and Mrs. E. J. Bulgin of Long Beach were guests on Thursday of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Carnahan of Azusa avenue.

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The Foresters will give a big Spanish barbecue at Long Beach, Dec. 31, free to everybody. Program during day and grand ball in the evening.

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J. K. Stroenider was the purchaser of the Mrs. Muddox 20 acre grove on Citrus avenue instead of Mr. Fry as was announced in last week's Argus. Mr. Stroenider secured a bargain and he will undoubtedly double his money in three years.

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